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£500,000 U.K. aid for UNRWA

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Government of the United Kingdom has pledged £500,000 (\$764,500) in response to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency's (UNRWA) appeal for \$13 million to rebuild destroyed UNRWA schools, clinics and offices in Lebanon, reconstruct refugee camp infrastructure and provide cash grants to refugee families for repairs to their homes. Since UNRWA began operations in 1950, the United Kingdom has contributed over \$200 million to the agency. In 1985, the U.K. contribution to the agency's regular programmes was \$7.75 million. Last year the United Kingdom donated \$7.2 million plus \$1.8 million in supplies for UNRWA's Lebanon emergency programme. UNRWA provides education, health and relief services to those eligible among the 1.9 million registered Palestinian refugees living in Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, and the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

## Shouf Druze asked to leave Israel

TEL AVIV (R) — A scheduled meeting between a Lebanese Druze leader and Israeli Deputy Prime Minister David Levy was cancelled Sunday and the man was asked to return home, Israel Television reported. The Druze leader was not named, but military sources said they had ordered an investigation into how the man reached Tel Aviv from Damour, near Beirut, without official permission. Government officials said he has come to ask Deputy Premier Levy to intercede on behalf of the Druze in Lebanon's Shouf mountains who are suffering food shortages as a result of a long-running conflict with rightist militia forces. A spokesman for Mr. Levy said a meeting had been scheduled but he did not know how it had been arranged.

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## Yugoslav official arrives in Amman

AMMAN (J.T.) — Yugoslav Foreign Ministry Under-Secretary Jancuski arrived here Sunday for a three-day visit to Jordan. He will hold talks with the Minister of Information and Foreign Affairs as well as other officials to discuss subjects connected with Middle East affairs. Mr. Jancuski arrived from Damascus via Amman where he was met with a government official, a representative of the Foreign Ministry and the Yugoslav charge d'affaires in Amman. Following his visit to Jordan, Mr. Jancuski will go to Beirut for a two-day visit before leaving for home.

## New Jordanian envoys appointed

AMMAN (Petra) — A royal decree was issued Sunday appointing Jordan's new ambassadors to Spain, Iraq and Chile. Mr. Sahi Al Fal will be Jordan's ambassador to Spain, Mr. Saleh Al Kabariy, ambassador to Iraq and Mr. Samah Al Faraj, ambassador to Chile.

## Swiss National Day marked

AMMAN (Petra) — On the Swiss Federation's National Day, Swiss ambassador to Jordan Andre Viallon Sunday hosted a reception at the embassy premises. The 69th anniversary of the establishment of the Swiss Federation falls Monday, Aug. 1. The reception was attended by several heads of diplomatic missions and invited guests.

## Assad receives Saudi envoy

DAMASCUS (R) — Syrian President Hafez Al Assad Sunday received Prince Bandar bin Sultan, envoy of King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, in an audience in Damascus. No official statement was issued on the subjects discussed. Saudi Arabia has been playing an active mediating role in Middle East politics.

## Libya denies role in Chad fighting

TRIPOLI (R) — The Libyan Foreign Ministry Sunday denied that Libyan troops had taken part in fighting in Chad, the official Libyan news agency JANA reported from Tripoli. Chad officials say Libyan troops were captured fighting for forces backed by Libya and government sources said the Libyan force had carried out air strikes against the northern town of N'Gaya-Largeau. (Chad seeks air support, page 2)

## Karami arrives in Damascus

DAMASCUS (R) — Former Lebanese Prime Minister Rashid Karami arrived in Damascus Sunday for talks with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad and government officials. The official Syrian news agency SANA reported, Mr. Karami is one of three prominent Lebanese politicians who set up a Lebanon-backed opposition "National Salvation Front" last week.

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## Arafat speaks of plan to drive PLO out of Bekaa by September 1

By Lami K. Andoni and Abdullah 'Utum  
Special to the Jordan Times and Al Ra'i

TUNIS — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat has accused Syria of having taken a decision to remove Palestinian forces from Lebanon's Bekaa Valley by Sept. 1, in the course of the implementation of a U.S.-Syrian agreement. He said that the phased foreign withdrawal from Lebanon has actually started with the Israelis first pulling out as far as the Awali River in the south, followed by a Syrian withdrawal from Tripoli.

Mr. Arafat who was speaking at a meeting with a Palestinian delegation, which arrived here to pledge support for the legitimate Palestinian leadership, warned against falling into the trap of believing that the current fighting in Lebanon is between Palestinians.

"What is happening in the Bekaa is a fight between Palestinians and Syrians with Libyan backing," Mr. Arafat asserted. He said: "You should not be taken in by misleading information about an armed conflict between Palestinian groups because Palestinian positions are being shelled by tanks and the Palestinians and Ahmad Jibril's groups (the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command) in particular have no such tanks to fight, and he never had. All tanks which the Palestinians had were destroyed during the siege of Beirut. What is happening now is a repetition of the 1976 events (the massacre of Palestinians in the Tal Za'atar camp near Beirut), but with new names and new slogans."

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## Syrian entry to Jdita violates Fateh truce

Special from Tripoli, Lebanon with Agency dispatches

Syrian soldiers Sunday entered and set up positions in the Bekaa Valley village of Jdita in violation of a ceasefire agreement between battling Palestinian factions, Palestinian sources said here Sunday. The ceasefire agreement, which was reached after five days of violent clashes between supporters and opponents of Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat, was upon the insistence of the Lebanese National Front, a major Lebanese leftist grouping which also insisted that no armed elements will enter the village after the fighters withdrew.

Under the terms of the agreement, both Arafat loyalists and their opponents, followers of Colonel Abu Musa, were to withdraw completely from the village to save residents from the ravages of the war, according to the Palestinian sources. The Syrians, or the Syrian-backed rebels, were not to enter Jdita after the loyalist forces withdrew, the sources said. "The Syrian presence there now must be in flagrant violation of that agreement," they added.

Jdita locals said at least five people died and 25 were wounded, including Lebanese civilians, during the clashes that were fought with rocket-propelled grenades, machineguns and rifles on Saturday.

The Syrians and leftists moved in after the fighting. One leftist militiaman said five bodies had been found in one battered house, but there was no independent confirmation.

Many Lebanese civilians returning to the village found their homes in ruins and their possessions destroyed or looted.

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## U.S. proposes separation of Syrian, Israeli forces

TEL AVIV (R) — The United States has proposed a separation of Israeli and Syrian troops in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley as a preliminary step to the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon, a senior Israeli official said Sunday. He declined to outline Israel's reaction to the proposal.

The official was briefing reporters on Sunday's cabinet meeting, which was largely devoted to last week's talks on Lebanon between senior U.S. officials and the Israeli foreign and defence ministers.

He denied Israeli press reports that Israel might be willing to withdraw from Lebanon before Syria if Damascus agreed to a timetable for pulling out its troops.

"It has not been proposed to us. We have not changed our position which is that all foreign forces withdraw simultaneously from Lebanon," he said.

The cabinet discussion came as Robert McFarlane, President Reagan's new Middle East envoy, arrived in Beirut at the start of a mission to mediate between the warring sides.

It said, "Israel, which has long served the U.S. contention for hegemony in the Middle East, has now stretched its military tentacles to Latin America to serve as a hatchman of the United States in the latter's interference in the affairs of Central America."

"The fact that Israel has poked its nose into Central American affairs and acts as a cat's paw of the United States should draw the attention of world public opinion and should be condemned universally," it concluded.

## Damascus attacks Arafat

DAMASCUS (R) — Syria, in its harshest verbal attack yet on Yasser Arafat, Sunday accused the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chairman of being a "bar and blackmailer."

A government spokesman quoted by the official news agency SANA said: "Any lies and falsehoods that emanate from an insignificant man like Yasser Arafat cannot harm Syria's great stance."

SANA said the spokesman was replying to Mr. Arafat's urgent appeal Saturday to Arab leaders to prevent killings of Palestinians in the Syrian-held Bekaa Valley of Lebanon.

The spokesman said: "If Arafat thinks that swindling, instigation and blackmail will force others to strike against his opponents and critics in the Palestinian arena, he has missed the target."

## McFarlane arrives in Lebanon

BEIRUT (R) — President Reagan's new Middle East envoy, Robert McFarlane, arrived in Beirut Sunday at the start of a tour aimed at reviving efforts to remove foreign forces from Lebanon, state-run Beirut Radio reported.

Mr. McFarlane went straight from Beirut airport to the U.S. ambassador's residence in the hillside village of Yarzeh outside Beirut, the radio said.

The envoy, accompanied by his deputy, Richard Fairbanks, is expected to visit Syria, Israel and other Middle East states during his tour.

Mr. Reagan appointed him on July 22 to replace veteran Middle East troubleshooter Philip Habib, whom Syria had called anti-Arab and refused to see.

Mr. McFarlane is reported to be bringing new proposals to try to secure the withdrawal of Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian forces from Lebanon, but Arab commentators have questioned his ability to succeed where Mr. Habib failed.

Lebanon and Israel signed a U.S.-sponsored troop withdrawal accord on May 17, but Israel is refusing to implement it unless Syria pulls its army out of north and east Lebanon.

Syrian President Hafez Al Assad has rejected the agreement, saying it will turn Lebanon into an "Israeli protectorate," and is calling on Israel to quit unconditionally.

Mr. McFarlane, who arrived after a stopover in Rome, is expected to hold talks with Lebanese officials, but no details of his timetable have been released. (Arabs pessimistic over McFarlane mission, page 2; A question for the U.S. envoy, page 4)



His Majesty King Hussein, accompanied by (to his left) Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Royal Court Chief Ahmad Al Lawzi and Court Minister Amer Khammash, Sunday leaves for Saudi Arabia (Petra photo)

## Hussein in Taif to talk with Fahd

TAIF (Agencies) — His Majesty King Hussein is due to hold talks here Sunday night with King Fahd bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia on current Middle East issues and bilateral relations, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said. King Hussein, accompanied by an official Jordanian delegation arrived in Taif earlier Sunday and was accorded an official welcome ceremony in which King Fahd, Saudi princes and senior officials took part, Petra said. King Hussein is accompanied by Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Royal Court Chief Ahmad Al Lawzi, Court Minister Amer Khammash and Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker.

## Iraq reports air raids continue on Iranians

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraqi warplanes and helicopter gunships carried out further raids on Iranian positions in the central Gulf war zone Sunday, inflicting heavy losses in men and equipment, a high command communiqué said. All the Iraqi units returned safely to base, it said.

An INA report earlier Sunday said Iraq had repelled a fresh Iranian attack near the Iraqi border town of Zurbatiyah, where Iran launched its latest offensive early Saturday.

Sunday's communiqué said 5,324 Iranian troops were killed in Saturday's battle, with most of Iran's Fourth Armoured Brigade and its independent 84th Brigade wiped out.

The commander of Iraq's Second Army Corps, quoted by the Iraq News Agency (INA), earlier described as lies Iranian claims that it had taken strategic border heights in the area.

An Iranian communiqué Sunday claimed Iranian troops had seized three key heights and two frontier posts in continued fighting between Zurbatiyah and Mehran on the Iranian side of the border.

INA, quoting its military correspondent with Iraq's Second

## Spain, Israel may establish diplomatic ties

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Spain and Israel are on the verge of establishing diplomatic ties, perhaps as early as next month, according to radio and press reports here.

The development was said to have resulted from secret talks held last June 23 in New York between Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez and the president of the World Jewish Congress, Canadian businessman Edgar Bronfman.

Spain is the only West European country not to have diplomatic relations with Israel. Mr. Gonzalez told Mr. Bronfman that Spain was awaiting a suitable occasion, such as the beginning of an Israeli troop pullout from Lebanon, reports said, but added that ties might be established sometime in August.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry refused to comment on the reports but underlined Israel's desire for normal relations with Madrid. Direct air links between the two countries were established only recently.

## Death toll rises in Sri Lanka...

COLOMBO (R) — More than 200 people were killed up to Friday in last week's wave of ethnic violence across Sri Lanka and the death toll has since risen, possibly by a large number, a government spokesman said Sunday.

The spokesman, Douglas Liyanage, also said 50,000 refugees had been left homeless.

Many houses, shops and factories were set ablaze in the rioting which engulfed the country after separatist guerrillas killed 13 soldiers in the northern Jaffna district on July 23.

The delegation is expected to call for effective steps to ensure the safety of people of Tamil origin in Sri Lanka, torn by ethnic violence between Sinhalese and minority Tamils for the past week.

Feelings in Tamil Nadu have been running high over the bloodshed in Sri Lanka. The state is

separated by a narrow stretch of sea from the island whose Tamil population has strong ethnic and cultural links with South India. Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Shahu Hameed is also due in Delhi Sunday, officials said. He will attend a meeting of seven South Asian foreign ministers starting Monday to launch an ambitious programme of economic and cultural cooperation.

Official sources say the Sri Lankan situation and India's concern over the position of the Tamils will not affect the meeting which ex-

## World Islamic League condemns Hebron attack

AMMAN (Petra) — The World Islamic League office in Amman Sunday issued a statement condemning Tuesday's Zionist attack on Hebron Islamic College and warned of continued illegal Israeli practices and desecrations of holy places. The statement reviewed the recurrent Israeli violations of Al Ibrahim Mosque in Hebron and also the arbitrary measures they practice against the Arab inhabitants which culminated in last week's attack in Hebron which resulted in the death of three students and the wounding of 40 others.

"In this confused world words have only little effect, but it is incumbent upon us to say a word of right and issue a note of warning against such Zionist activity," the statement said.

## Tarawneh, Arar cable world parliament bodies

AMMAN (Petra) — Speakers of the Upper House of Parliament and the National Consultative Council (NCC) Saturday sent cables to the Arab Parliamentary Union (APU), the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), the European Parliament, and Arab legislative councils condemning last Tuesday's attack on Hebron Islamic College, in which three Palestinian students were killed, and 40 wounded.

Ahmad Tarawneh and Sulaiman Arar said in their cables that the "Zionist attack on the college which led to the death of three students and the wounding of 40 other constitutes another link in a long chain of Israeli crimes against the Arab population and their property."

"The Israeli actions which were preceded by the burning of Hebron's market, the demolition of Arab homes and the imposition of curfew on the town are in violation of all human principles, and manifest Israel's persistence in terrorising the Arab population with the aim of forcing them to abandon their homeland," the cables said.

In their cables, the speakers called on all world parliaments "to condemn Israel's crimes and exert all possible efforts aimed at ending its arbitrary measures against the Arab population."

## JCFC to distribute JD 2.7m dividend

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordan Cement Factory Company (JCFC) last year realised a JD 5,472,272 profit and it will distribute JD 2.7 million as dividends to its shareholders, it was announced here Sunday. The announcement was made at a JCFC general assembly meeting held to review the company's activities over the past fiscal year which ended on March 31 and the company's budget and final accounts.

A statement read out at the meeting said JD 1,094,454 will be added to the company's reserves. Speaking at the meeting, JCFC Chairman Zuhair Aslour said that the company seeks to carry out its projects outlined when the company was established. The company seeks to increase its daily output of cement and has signed a contract with a Japanese company to help in this regard, the chairman said.

## Lebanon faces new crisis in economy, says official

BEIRUT (R) — The Lebanese economy, battered by eight years of turmoil, is facing a new crisis caused by political uncertainty and declining foreign income, a senior official said in an interview published Sunday.

Adnan Kassab, president of the Beirut Chamber of Commerce, told the weekly An Nahar Arab Report and Memo that Lebanon's current instability had set back hopes for a full economic recovery.

Mr. Kassab, in written answers to questions, listed the problems as the rapid fluctuations in the value of the Lebanese pound, a 20 per cent decline in foreign income and failure of local industry to find markets.

Since the 1975-76 civil war, Lebanon has largely survived on foreign subsidies and remittances from emigres and workers in the Gulf.

But Mr. Kassab said remittances were dwindling, probably due to a slow-down in economic activity in the Gulf countries and political uncertainty in Lebanon. He gave no figures.

"The current crisis seems to be one of the most serious which we have had to face," he said. "But we remain convinced that we are again able to overcome it."

On the positive side, Mr. Kassab noted that customs receipts, mainstay of the cash-starved treasury, were rising and said inflation had dropped to eight per cent a year, from 14 per cent in May last year.

Customs receipts in the first six months of this year rose 360 per cent to 740.7 million pounds (\$161 million) over the same period in 1982.

Information Minister Anadnass de Alwis, referring to the alleged plot in a broadcast address Saturday night, said the danger to the country was not yet over.

Mr. De Alwis said the widespread attacks last week on property owned by minority Tamils were part of a well-planned attempt to topple the government.

Referring to the alleged foreign hacking, he said: "As we have friendly relations with all countries, it will not be proper for me as a minister to name the country. But I can say that it is powerful."

...as Indian Tamils set for talks in Delhi

# MIDDLE EAST

## Chad's pro-government militants call for foreign air support

**N'DJAMENA (R) —** Pro-government Chad militants Sunday called on France, the United States and other friendly nations to send in their air forces in response to alleged continued Libyan bombings of the recaptured rebel stronghold of Faya-Largeau.

In another development following the recapture Saturday of the oasis town by forces loyal to pro-Western President Hissene Habre, 11 foreign combatants, including 10 Libyans and one Sudanese, were paraded in the streets of the Chad capital.

Government and diplomatic sources said the Libyan air force had resumed bombing raids on positions in and around Faya-Largeau.

Thousands of members of pro-government organisations poured into the streets of N'Djamena to demonstrate against the raids and read a motion asking the governments of France, the United States, Sudan, Zaire and Morocco to send in combat aircraft as a matter of urgency.

They later marched to the embassies of these countries to hand in their petition.

The demonstrators justified their request on the grounds of "intensive and indiscriminate bombings by the Libyan air force," which started after the

bore no markings on its fuselage.

Defence sources said it was apparently put at the disposal of Mr. Goukoni by Libya.

The recapture of Faya-Largeau, announced in a communique from the Chad military command, probably spells the end of the rebel offensive which began when Mr. Goukoni's forces seized the town on June 24, analysts said.

Informed sources said Mr. Habre, who has been on the battlefield for the last 10 days, led the attack.

"Despite the number of enemy troops, their equipment and the massive intervention of Libyan aircraft, Faya-Largeau was retaken at two p.m. (1300 GMT)," the communique said.

It said government troops had captured several prisoners, including senior military officials, and had seized a transport plane, four machine-guns and large quantities of ammunition and arms.

Informed sources said government troops had driven the rebels as far as 100 kilometres from Faya-Largeau earlier Sunday.

Government troops posted in the capital poured into the streets after the radio announcement, firing guns into the air, and pro-government Zairean soldiers took up positions at key points of N'Djamena to keep order.

## Central Council expected to support PLO leader

By Lamis K. Andoni  
in Tunis

The Palestine Central Council which is due to hold an emergency meeting in the Tunisian capital Wednesday, is expected to reiterate support for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leadership under the chairmanship of Yasser Arafat, according to Palestinian sources here.

No definite decisions are expected to be taken at the meeting of the council but its reiteration of support for Mr. Arafat will pave the way for the PLO leadership to carry out decisive steps to resolve a crisis within Fatah, the biggest commando movement under the PLO.

The Fatah revolt, staged by dis-

sidents in the movement who are demanding that the PLO step up its armed struggle against Israel and that a collective leadership be formed for Fatah, has developed into armed clashes in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, where PLO forces are deployed along with Syrian forces facing the Israeli army occupying Lebanon.

Palestinian sources in Tunis told the Jordan Times that although the exact nature of the "decisive" steps to resolve the crisis is not yet made clear, resorting to military means to suppress the rebellion is ruled out.

The sources said that a decision to expel the Fatah rebels from the movement may be announced after the meeting. However, observers here say that such a move

will not be announced immediately after the meeting since the PLO leadership is playing for time.

Well-informed Palestinian sources said the number of "repeating" rebels who have rejoined the ranks of pro-Arafat forces in north Lebanon is increasing. This, they said, is a result of a PLO decision to give a chance for rebels who want to rejoin the leadership to adopt any solid measures.

Another source said that Mr. Hani Al Hassan, a close adviser to Mr. Arafat and PLO Executive Committee member, is expected to be named as the PLO representative to Jordan. This move, the source said, reflects PLO's concern over its contacts with Jordan.

## Arafat speaks of plan to end PLO presence

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"The Syrians have brought in Ahmad Jibril and other figures to destroy the Palestinian fighters. In 1976, President Hafez Al Assad (of Syria) announced that his troops were being sent to Lebanon to stop the armed conflict among the Palestinians and you all know what were the results: the massacres of Tal Zatar refugees. We are at the threshold of a new massacre — at Bekaa. We would have to see Syrian tanks fighting on our side at the time of the Beirut siege," he added.

Mr. Arafat said that he never wanted "to see Arabs fighting one another like tribes; we only want an Arab-Israeli war."

At the meeting, a spokesman for the Palestinian peoples delegation made a speech stressing

that the Palestinian people stand firmly behind the PLO leadership under Yasser Arafat and called on Arab states to support their stand. "We reject any interference in our own affairs and our masses refuse to be dictated to by other Arab regimes," he said.

PLO sources told the Jordan Times and Al Rai last Thursday that Mr. Arafat paid successful visits to Saudi Arabia and Yugoslavia. The visit to Saudi Arabia was more successful than ever before and Saudi officials asked Mr. Arafat to work out a clear plan for dealing with the Palestinian situation taking into consideration the confrontation with Israel, they said.

Arafat said there is a noticeable change in Saudi Arabia's attitude towards the Palestinians

and this is mainly due to the reason that Saudi Arabia used in the past to act as an observer and now it is involved directly because it has realised that Syria was building relationship of some kind with the United States while keeping its own relationship with the USSR in tact.

Referring to Mr. Arafat's visit to Yugoslavia, the sources said it was also successful and Yugoslav leaders stressed the legitimacy of the PLO leadership and that they were against any rift within PLO ranks and refuse the organisation to be dominated by other forces. The visit to Yugoslavia resulted in an agreement that Cuba and Yugoslavia would make intensive mediation efforts to heal the rift in Fatah, the biggest commando group within the PLO.

## Syrian entry to Jdita violates truce

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The ceasefire agreement had been reached in order to prevent further casualties among Lebanese civilians, a Fatah loyalist leader was quoted as saying.

The loyalist blamed the rebels for starting the fighting, while a rebel officer said his men had only been defending themselves.

The Palestinian sources also denied that Palestinian commandos were involved in clashes with local Lebanese militiamen in Tripoli, Lebanon's second largest city, where exchange of heavy weapons fire were reported on Sunday.

Several fires started in the city's grain market as a result of the fighting, local residents said. No casualties were reported.

The sources said the fighting was among the many Lebanese factions based in Tripoli and Palestinian commandos did not take part in any of the clashes, which were reported to have died down later Sunday.

The city of half a million has been tense since Syrian troops suddenly pulled out of most of

their positions on Thursday, raising fears of a new round of fighting between local pro- and anti-Syrian factions.

The Beirut government plans to send a force ofgendarmes to fill the vacuum left by the departing Syrians but contacts with factional leaders have failed to produce any agreement on how the gendarmes could be deployed.

**Fighting in Baalbek**

Clashes between the Arafat loyalists and rebels reportedly backed by Libyan soldier and Syrian army tanks, spread towards the eastern Lebanese town of Baalbek on Saturday night raising fears of a serious escalation of the feud.

Arafat loyalists and supporters of Abu Musa fought with artillery, machine-guns and automatic rifles for 40 minutes before a ceasefire was arranged. The loyalists accused the Syrians and the Libyans of aiding the rebels.

Either side reported casualties but shells landed in areas inhabited by Lebanese civilians, which local residents said could affect sympathy for the Palestinians in eastern Lebanon.

Although under overall Syrian control, the town is largely run by Palestinian fighters and Shi'ite Muslim militiamen, with several hundred armed Iranian revolutionary guards also present.

Saturday night's clash aroused fears that the fighting could spread to involve the other groups. There were also fears for the safety of the town's 9,000 Palestinian refugees, most of whom support Mr. Arafat, if the fighting spread into their camp on the edge of the town.

It was the first time the Fatah factions had clashed in the area since the early days of the mutiny in the Palestinian organisation two months ago.

The latest clash indicated that the rebels may try to take control of the Palestinian areas of Baalbek, forcing Arafat loyalists to retreat to what would be their last stronghold in Lebanon, the Mediterranean port of Tripoli.

Followers of Abu Musa, who wants the group to drop diplomacy and fight Israel, have concentrated their attacks over the past week in the Shitoura area, about 40 kilometres south-west of Baalbek.

## Two Iranian ministers resign

**TEHRAN (R) —** Iranian Minister Habibollah Asgari and Labour Minister Ahmad Tavakoli submitted their resignations Sunday, the National News Agency IRNA said.

It gave no explanation of the resignations and did not say whether Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi had accepted them.

It said the ministers were the first to resign since Mr. Mousavi formed the present cabinet in November 1981.

Foreign diplomats said the two ministers were regarded as favouring the interests of private business at the expense of government involvement in the economy.

Their resignations follow a crisis over rice pricing and distribution and an outspoken attack by Mr. Mousavi on those in the private sector who oppose government economic policy.

Mr. Asgari had been under attack for several months from a wide section of the Iranian parliament, most recently because of a crisis over rice.

He was held responsible for a decision to end government control of rice trade earlier this year, which led to shortages and big price rises as private traders rushed to make profits.

On July 10 Mr. Mousavi issued a statement attacking hoarders and profiteers in the private sector and condemning those who obstructed government economic policies.

Four days later government leaders decided to restore state control over rice trade.

Mr. Mousavi's statement referred to opposition to plans for government control of many aspects of local and foreign trade, expansion of cooperatives and confiscation of wealth illegally acquired before the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

Political and religious leaders all over the country declared their support for the prime minister.

Mr. Tavakoli had been working on a new labour law which diplomats said had run into opposition from those who thought it unduly favoured employers over employees.

**Iranian Communists arrested**

**TEHRAN (R) —** Islamic Revolutionary Committees in Iran arrested 50 more members of the banned pro-Soviet Tudeh (Communist) Party on Friday, the newspaper Jomhuri Eslami reported Sunday.

The Tudeh Party was banned in May after its leaders, in prison since February, confessed on television to spying for the Soviet Union. By late May, Iran's revolutionary prosecutor-general said more than 8,500 party members were under arrest and more detentions have since been reported.

Jomhuri Eslami quoted a statement by the Central Revolutionary Committee as saying the latest detainees had been passed on to Tehran's Evin Prison, where people considered to be "counter-revolutionaries" are usually held.

The statement said a large quantity of pamphlets and publications had also been seized in the operation on Friday night.

The revolutionary committees are local groups which perform any security functions.

The revolutionary prosecutor of the armed forces, meanwhile, announced Saturday that the former commander of the Iranian navy, Captain Bahram Afzali, had been a member of the Tudeh and would go on trial within a month alongside other military members of the party.

This was the first time a date had been set for a trial of any of the Tudeh members.

## U.S. military chief visits Lebanon

**BEIRUT (R) —** The chairman of the United States joint chiefs of staff, General John W. Vessey, arrived in Beirut Saturday night to inspect progress in U.S. equipping and training of the Lebanese Army, U.S. military sources said.

They said the general would meet Lebanese army commanders and take part in the country's Army Day celebrations on Monday.

The U.S. has been providing training and equipment to the fledgling Lebanese army, which is trying to reestablish government authority in the Beirut area after years of civil strife.

President Amin Gemayel's government also hopes to extend its control to other areas and eventually the whole country if Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian forces pull out.

The army's next major task is likely to be moving into the troubled central Shouf Mountains, scene of fighting for the past 10 months between Christian and Druze Muslim militias.

Non-American diplomats in Beirut said Gen. Vessey would probably discuss the Shouf question with Lebanese army chiefs, including the possibility that U.S. Marines might be asked to help Lebanese troops secure mountain roads.

## Arabs pessimistic over McFarlane's mission

**BAHRAIN (R) —** The new U.S. special envoy Robert McFarlane was starting his first Middle East peace mission Sunday amid increased tension in Lebanon and predictions of failure by Arab commentators.

Continued fighting in Lebanon between Palestinian factions have raised fears of further escalation of the feud between supporters and opponents of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Such an escalation could increase the problems faced by Mr. McFarlane, who Western diplomats said was expected to work on a complete withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon.

The independent Lebanese newspaper An Nahar said Mr. McFarlane starts his mission at a time when attitudes of the various parties concerned had become highly complicated.

The blessing of Egypt, Saudi Arabia or Jordan was not enough to make the American mission a success, it added.

The Lebanese leftist Al Satir said the U.S. envoy's problems included Syria's rejection of the Lebanese-Israeli troop with-

drawal accord and what it said was Israel's unwillingness to resolve the Lebanese crisis.

It also said the approach of the American election campaign next year would add to McFarlane's problems.

In Damascus, Syrian newspapers did not welcome the American efforts and Al Baath, newspaper of the ruling party, said: "The United States should not be allowed under any circumstances to deal unilaterally with the affairs of the region."

Newspapers in other Arab countries such as Saudi Arabia, which generally supports an American role in Middle East peace efforts, expressed pessimism on the outcome of Mr. McFarlane's mission.

The Saudi Al Yum newspaper said: "All signs show the new American effort carry no successful solutions to the Israeli military presence in Lebanon."

It said the latest American statements on the redeployment of Israeli forces in Lebanon "will not possibly help in finding a solution to the Lebanese crisis."

The failure of the American envoy would disappoint the parties concerned, it added.

## TV & RADIO

### JORDAN TELEVISION

**MAIN CHANNEL**  
17:30 ..... Koran  
17:50 ..... Cartoons  
18:00 ..... Children's Programme  
18:30 ..... Programme review  
19:00 ..... Local Programme  
20:00 ..... News in Arabic  
20:30 ..... Arabic Series  
21:00 ..... News in Arabic  
22:15 ..... Arabic Varieties  
23:00 ..... News in Arabic

### FOREIGN CHANNEL

18:00 ..... French Programme  
18:30 ..... News in French  
19:30 ..... News in Hebrew  
20:30 ..... Comedy: Barney Miller  
21:00 ..... Partners in Crime  
22:00 ..... News in English  
22:15 ..... The Love Boat

### RADIO JORDAN

555 KHZ AM, 99 MHz, FM  
partly on 95.60 KHZ, ST

07:00 ..... News Bulletin  
07:30 ..... News Summary  
08:00 ..... Morning Show  
09:00 ..... Pop Session  
10:00 ..... News Summary  
11:00 ..... Pop Session  
12:00 ..... News Summary  
13:00 ..... News Summary  
14:00 ..... Pop Session  
15:00 ..... News Summary  
16:00 ..... News Summary  
17:00 ..... News Summary  
18:00 ..... News Summary  
19:00 ..... News Summary  
20:00 ..... News Summary  
21:00 ..... News Summary  
22:00 ..... News Summary  
23:00 ..... News Summary  
24:00 ..... News Headlines

### BBC WORLD SERVICE

639, 720, 1413 KHZ  
06:00 Newsweek 06:30 Wimbledon Report 06:40 Letter from London 06:55

### Reflexions 07:00 World News 07:09

Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
07:30 The Golden Age of Opera 07:45  
Science Through the Looking Glass  
08:00 News Summary 08:30 Baker's Hall  
09:00 09:00 World News 09:09  
Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
09:30 Command Performance 09:59  
Records of the Week 10:00 World News  
10:09 Reflections 10:15 Popstar Choice  
10:30 Anything Goes 11:00 World News  
11:09 British Press Review 11:15  
World News 11:30 Good Books 11:40  
Look Ahead 11:45 News Now 12:15  
Henderson Report 12:30 Europe's Unity  
12:39 News 12:59 News 13:09 News  
About Britain 13:15 The Classic  
Albums 13:30 News 13:40 Radio News  
14:15 Animal, Vegetable or Mineral?  
14:45 Sports Round-up 15:00  
World News 15:09 Twenty-Four Hours  
15:30 News Summary 15:39 Cricket 15:45  
The Ten Commandments 16:15 Letter from  
Ireland 16:30 Cricket 16:45 Country  
Style 17:00 Radio Newsweek 17:15  
Outlook 18:00 World News 18:09  
Commentary 18:15 Music in the Family 18:45  
The World Today 19:00 World News  
19:09 Book Choice 19:15 My Music  
19:45 Sports Round-up 20:00 World  
News 20:09 News about Britain 20:15  
Newspaper 20:39 Promenade Concert  
21:00 Outlook 21:20 Outlook 21:56  
Stock Market Report 22:00 World News  
22:09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
22:30 Sporting International 22:59  
Network U.S. 23:15 Wimbledon Report  
23:39 Europe's Unity 24:00  
World News 00:09 The World Today  
00:25 Book Choice 00:30 Interlude  
00:40 Reflections 00:45 Sports Round-up  
01:00 World News 01:09 Commentary  
01:15 Classical Record Review  
01:30 Animal, Vegetable or Mineral?

### VOICE OF AMERICA

1260, 5965, 7200, 15205, 11725 KHZ  
05:00 The Breakfast Show: News, Information, Presentation of Popular Music with Feature Reports, Interviews, Answers to Listeners' Questions, Selection Digest, News Summary at 30 minutes past the hour. 17:00 News 17:10 Magazine Show 17:30 Special English News and Features 18:00 News 18:10 Newsweek 18:30 News 18:40 Special English News and Features 20:00 News 20:10 Newsweek 20:30 News 20:40 Special English News and Features 21:00 News 21:10 Newsweek 21:30 News 21:40 Special English News and Features 22:00 News 22:10 Newsweek 22:30 News 22:40 Special English News and Features 23:00 News 23:10 Newsweek 23:30 News 23:40 Special English News and Features 24:00 News 24:10 Newsweek 24:30 News 24:40 Special English News and Features

### WHAT'S GOING ON

#### TODAY'S EVENTS

**FILM**  
"The Indian Summer" (Seven Indians) at the Indian Summer Cinema (at the Mallot Shemali, 3rd Circle). At 6:30 p.m.

#### CULTURAL CENTRES

Royal Cultural Centre - Tel. 6610267  
American Centre - 44371  
American Cultural Library - 41520  
British Council - 36147  
French Cultural Centre - 71009  
Goethe Institute - 41993  
Soviet Cultural Centre - 42403  
Spanish Cultural Centre - 24049  
Turkish Cultural Centre - 39777  
Haya Arts Centre - 665195  
Husseini Youth City - 667181  
Y.W.C.A. - 664251  
Amman Municipal Library - 36111  
University of Jordan Library - 843555

#### MUSEUMS

Polkore Museum: Jewellery and costumes from 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 51760.  
Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.  
Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculpture by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Muntazah, Jabal Luwbeh. Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 30128.  
Military Museum: Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240.  
Popular Life of Jordan Museum: 100 to 150 year old items such as costumes, weapons, musical instruments, etc. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 37169.

#### CHURCHES

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Amman, Tel. 24590.  
Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic) Jabal Luwbeh. 37440.  
De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Hussein. 661757.  
Church of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox) Abadi. 33541.  
Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer) Jabal Amman. 41559.  
Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafieh. 71331.  
Armenian Orthodox Church Ashrafieh. 75261.  
St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafieh. 71751.  
Amman International Church (Inter-denominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Samelani, 663249.

#### PRAYER TIMES

03:17 ..... Fajr  
04:51 ..... (Sunrise) Shuruq  
11:43 ..... Dhuhur  
15:24 ..... 'Asr  
18:33 ..... Maghreb  
20:07 ..... 'Isha

## FOR THE TRAVELLER

### AMMAN AIRPORT

This information is supplied by Air Info, information department at the Queen Alia International Airport tel. (08) 53250, where it should always be verified.

#### ARRIVALS

06:55 ..... Cairo (EA)  
07:05 ..... Cairo (RJ)  
07:05 ..... Athens (RJ)  
07:15 ..... Abu Dhabi (RJ)  
07:15 ..... Damascus (RJ)  
07:15 ..... Jeddah (RJ)  
07:15 ..... Bahrain (RJ)  
07:15 ..... Kuwait (RJ)  
07:15 ..... Muscat, Dubai (RJ)  
07:15 ..... Doha, Bahrain (RJ)  
07:15 ..... Beirut (RJ)  
07:15 ..... Muscat, Abu Dhabi, Bahrain (RJ)  
07:15 ..... Ankara (TU)  
07:15 ..... Moscow (SU)  
07:15 ..... Iraqi (KA)  
07:15 ..... Cairo (EA)  
07:15 ..... Kuwait (KA)  
07:15 ..... Jeddah, Medina (SV)  
07:15 ..... Cairo (RJ)  
07:15 ..... Athens (RJ)  
07:15 ..... Baghdad (RJ)  
07:15 ..... Bangkok (RJ)  
07:15 ..... Tunis, Athens (RJ)  
07:15 ..... Paris, Beirut (AF)  
07:15 ..... New York, Amsterdam (RJ)  
07:15 ..... London, Bahrain (RJ)  
07:15 ..... Bahrain (RJ)  
07:15 ..... Cairo (RJ)  
07:15 ..... Amsterdam, Athens, Beirut (EA)  
07:15 ..... Frankfurt, Damascus (LH)  
07:15 ..... Cairo (EA)  
07:15 ..... Beirut (MEA)

#### DEPARTURES

06:15 ..... Damascus (RJ)  
07:00 ..... Athens (RJ)  
07:05 ..... Cairo (RJ)  
07:05 ..... Athens (OA)  
07:05 ..... Beirut (MEA)  
07:05 ..... Damascus, Athens, Zurich (SR)  
07:05 ..... Vienna, New York (RJ)  
07:05 ..... Athens (RJ)  
07:05 ..... Cairo (RJ)  
07:05 ..... Bahrain (RJ)  
07:05 ..... Paris, London (RJ)  
07:05 ..... Frankfurt, Geneva (RJ)  
07:05 ..... Ankara (TU)  
07:05 ..... Bahrain, Abu Dhabi, Muscat (GF)

#### WEATHER

Bulletin supplied by the Department of Meteorology.  
It will be normal summer weather, with northwesterly moderate winds, in Amman, which will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

#### Low/high temperatures in deg.C

Amman ..... 19/32  
Aqaba ..... 27/40  
Deserts ..... 20/36  
Jordan Valley ..... 25/39

#### Yesterdays high temperatures:

Amman 32, Aqaba 39. Humidity readings: Amman 22 per cent, Aqaba 27 per cent.

## USEFUL TELEPHONE NOS.

### EMERGENCIES

Ambulance ..... 193, 75111  
Fire, fire, police ..... 199  
Civil Defence rescue ..... 75121  
Fire headquarters ..... 22090-3  
Police rescue ..... 192, 21111, 37777  
Police headquarters ..... 39141  
Traffic police ..... 65390-1  
Electric Power Co. .... 36381-2  
Municipal water service ..... 71255-8  
Queen Alia Int. Airport ..... (08) 53333

### HOSPITALS

Husseini Medical Centre - 81381-32  
Khaldun Hospital, J. Amman - 44281-4  
Al-Balqa Hospital, J. Amman - 25441  
Jabal Amman Maternity ..... 42562  
Malha, J. Amman ..... 36140  
Palestine, Shmeisani ..... 664171-4  
Shmeisani Hospital ..... 669131  
University Hospital ..... 845845  
Dar Al-Shifa, J. Hussein ..... 667158  
Al-Muhsin Hospital ..... 667227-9  
The Islamic, Abadi ..... 665292  
Al-Ahli, Abadi ..... 664664  
Italian, Al-Muhajir ..... 77101-3  
Al-Bashir, J. Ashrafieh ..... 75111  
Army, Marka ..... 91611

### NIGHT DUTY

AMMAN:  
Dr. Khalid Abu Khamsa ..... 72050

### BEIRUT

Dr. Mohammed Awni ..... 51827

### BEIRUT

Salma pharmacy ..... 36730  
Selameh pharmacy ..... 94779  
Jabal Hussein pharmacy ..... 38410

## Armico board to discuss appointment of new head

AMMAN (J.T.) — An extraordinary meeting of the Arab Mining Company (Armico) board is due to open in Amman Monday.

The board members are scheduled to discuss the appointment of a new board chairman and a report on the outcome of a symposium on the development of lead and copper resources in the Arab World which was held in Amman in June.

The members are also expected to review Armico's projects in Arab countries.

Armico, which has its headquarters in Amman, holds shares in several mining projects in Jordan, Tunisia, Morocco, Somalia and Mauritania.

The company was established in 1975 with a capital of 120 million Kuwaiti dinar.

## Shreideh returns from population meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — Director-General of the Department of Statistics Dr. Burhan Shreideh returned to Amman Sunday after taking part in an international committee meeting which discussed a number of demographic issues.

The four day meeting held in Geneva focussed on among other things the issue of a special compendium on population studies to be published in three languages, support services connected with population information, and preparations for an international conference on population which is due to open in Mexico in the coming month. Dr. Shreideh said.

## QAJWF to fund training of kindergarten teachers

AMMAN (Petra) — The Queen Alia Jordan Welfare Fund (QAJWF) will hold nine training courses for teachers at nursery and kindergarten levels starting in the coming month.

A QAJWF statement said that the training courses will be held in Amman, Ma'an, Karak and Yarmouk University in Irbid and that a total of 130 teachers are expected to attend.

The aim of the courses are to train teachers on the proper methods of looking after children and on discussing basic question of educational philosophy, the statement said.

The participants, it said, will receive theoretical and practical training on preparing weekly, monthly and annual lesson programmes and also on educational games to offer children during their stay at the nurseries and kindergartens that are operated by charitable societies.

The participants will hear lectures on social development, family problems and other related topics, and they will learn skills that will help build up the children's personality, the statement said.

According to the statement, these courses will open on Aug. 6 in Amman, on Aug. 13 in Ma'an, on Aug. 20 at Yarmouk University and on Aug. 27 in Karak.

The QAJWF also intends to hold a training course in Amman on Aug. 13 for employees in centres for taking care of mentally retarded people. The 280 participants in the course will be lectured on special education for the handicapped and on ways of helping them.

## Meeting to discuss new pan-Arab tourism body

AMMAN (Petra) — The executive council of the Arab Tourism Union (ATU) meets in Amman Monday to discuss the establishment of the Arab Tourism Organisation (ATO) and other important issues, according to Dr. Abdul Rahman Abu Rabah, ATU secretary-general.

He said that the council, which groups delegates from eight Arab countries, will also discuss the coordination of member organisations' policy at the international tourism conference to be held in India.

The projected ATO will replace the ATU and aims to develop tourism in the Arab World, and to bolster cooperation between these Arab states and world tourist org-

anisations, Dr. Abu Rabah said. He added that the ATO will also take charge of organising Arab tourism policy, conduct research studies, act as a central statistical bank supplying information on tourism in the region and encourage tourism among Arab states with the aim of improving the areas economic, social and cultural standards.

The ATO programme also cov-

ers the drawing up of plans aimed at raising the efficiency of officials employed in tourist offices and hotels, and eliminating obstacles that hamper free travel among Arab states, Dr. Abu Rabah said.

The new Arab organisation will comprise Arab member states and will admit affiliated members from regional and international tourist organisations.

The Council of Arab Economic Unity decided to establish the ATO in 1980 and Jordan, along with 13 other Arab states, have already pledged support for it.

The executive council comprises representatives from Iraq, Qatar, Lebanon, Algeria, North Yemen, South Yemen, Sudan and Syria.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Ramtha to receive loan

AMMAN (Petra) — The Cities and Villages Development Bank has approved a JD 140,000 loan to the town of Ramtha. Ramtha's Mayor Muhammad Al Bashabshe said the loan will be used to finance the first stage of Ramtha's crafts estate which will house workshops and factories.

#### RSS hosts computer training

AMMAN (Petra) — A two-month training course on the use of computers opened at the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) Sunday. A total of 45 participants from the public sector are attending the course which will end early in October. The participants will lectures, take part in practical training on computers, and learn about computer systems analysis and programming, according to Dr. Yusef Nuseir director of RSS's computer section.

#### Nabulsi, 'Obeidi hold discussions

AMMAN (Petra) — Governor of the Central Bank of Jordan Dr. Mohammad Said Nabulsi and Secretary-General of the Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) Mahdi Al 'Obeidi Sunday discussed joint Arab economic action and the CAEU's programmes aimed at achieving Arab economic integration.

#### Last minute festival meeting slated

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jerash Festival executive committee will hold a meeting at the Yarmouk University Liaison Office Monday to review the final arrangements for the opening of the festival on Aug. 12. The committee members will also discuss a report by sub-committees on details connected with the administrative and technical aspects of the programmes.

#### Health education course opens

AMMAN (Petra) — A training course on health education opened at the Institute of Public Administration (IPA) in Amman Sunday. The course is organised in cooperation with the Health Ministry and is attended by 24 participants who are employed by the ministry's departments around the country.

By Rami G. Khouri  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Performing artists, craftsmen and spectators from all over the world will converge on the ancient Roman city of Jerash for nine days this month — bringing back to life not only the 2,000-year-old stones of Jerash, but the equally old, though recently dormant, role that the land of Jordan had frequently played in antiquity as a regional centre of cultural and artistic development.

The 1983 Jerash Festival of Culture and Arts opens on August 12, and lasts until August 20. An impressive array of local, Arab and international performances and activities has been lined up, with something to cater to every conceivable age and taste.

#### Non-elitist festival

The concept of the Jerash Festival is radically different from that of other Middle Eastern festivals that are also staged among the ruins of ancient civilisations, such as the Baalbek, Carthage or Busra festivals. The Jerash Festival is "non-specialised and non-elitist", offering a very wide range of events that to suit the interests

of many different visitors, including music, modern dance, folkloric dances, poetry and literature discussions, book exhibitions. Chinese acrobats, plays and puppet shows for children, Arabic theatre, local handicrafts and folklore, music and rock concerts, painting and fine arts exhibits, fashion shows of traditional dress, and film and media presentations.

Another unique element of the Jerash Festival is the use of the entire Roman City of Jerash, which allows ten different events to take place simultaneously in different parts of the city.

"We planned the festival in a manner that allowed us to make use of the entire city of Jerash, and not just one temple or one theatre," Dr. Mazen Armouti, festival director, told the Jordan Times here this week.

#### Family outings

By offering such a large number of different activities in separate parts of the city, the festival organisers have sought to promote family outings to the festival. While the children may be attending one performance, the parents or older children of a family could go off to see something else

in a different part of the city.

In this way, the festival exposes many different kinds of arts and crafts to the greatest number of people.

The festival will be open daily from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight, except for the opening day of Aug. 12, when only invited guests will be admitted. From Aug. 13 through Aug. 20, anybody can buy a JD 1 ticket which allows him or her to spend the entire afternoon and evening wandering through the city and taking in the many events. Almost all the events can be enjoyed for free once the visitor has paid JD 1 for the daily entry ticket. Only those performances staged in the South Theatre or on the Artemis steps require additional tickets to be purchased. These can be purchased before the Centre, at the Royal Cultural Centre, the Haya Arts Centre and other outlets in Amman) or at the festival itself. Babies and small children carried in their parents' arms are admitted free.

#### Ticket ceiling

The organisers of the festival have printed 25,000 tickets for each day, and will not allow any more people than this to enter the

festival in any single day, to keep crowds down to a reasonable level and to make sure that all service facilities can cope with the demand. These facilities include drinking water, food and refreshment stands, crafts shops, rest rooms, parking and information booths.

The Public Transport Corporation will provide at least 50 buses per day to carry visitors to and from the festival, from two designated points in Amman that will be announced this week (probably Abdali and the Municipality building).

The preparations for the festival have been going on for the past year, with volunteers from all walks of life in Jordan providing their services for free. One of the notable points about the festival, Dr. Armouti notes, is the fact that it is an all-volunteer effort, without a permanent staff. Yarmouk University has coordinated the work required to make the festival a reality, and has drawn heavily on the free services of such institutions as the armed forces, Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, Yarmouk University, the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, and many others in Jordan.

#### More information

More information on any aspect of the festival can be obtained by calling the festival office at 842777. The official programme, listing all times and places of the events of the festival, has been printed and is available for free where tickets are sold.

The events of the festival are as follows:

A- Arab Troupes: Feiruz and the Lebanese Troupe; the Reda Folklore and Dance Troupe of Egypt; the Yemeni Folklore Troupe; the Kuwaiti Television Troupe; the Algerian Folklore Troupe; the Tunisian Popular Arts Troupe; and the Zaghlul Damur Popular Poetry Group of Lebanon.

B- International Troupes: The Chinese Acrobatic Troupe; the Empire State Institute for Performing Arts, USA (Sleeping Beauty play); Sufia Kamal of Chhaynot Troupe from Ban-



The ancient cities of Jordan are not only important in their own right as guardians of past cultures. They are also valuable economic resources, drawing visitors from all over the world. This scene from the 1981 Jerash Festival testifies to how Jordan's antiquities sites can be activated for use once again today. (Photo by Rami G. Khouri).

gladesh; Salzburger Stierwascher Austrian Folklore Troupe; La Ciamada Nissarda Troupe of Nice, France; the Hall-Rogers Modern Dance Troupe (USA); the Parvathy Kala Kendra Folklore Troupe of India; the Folk City of Oristabo Folklore Dance Troupe of Sardinia, Italy; Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver folk music group (USA); Pipes and Drums of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Scotland bagpipers).

C- Arabic Poetry and Literature programme of seven sessions will take place on the Artemis steps.

D- Local Theatre: Four Arabic-language plays will be performed, "Dum... Dum... Tack", "Bukra Inshallah", "Muhakama", and "Insu Hirustrai".

E- Children's Theatre: Four Arabic-language plays and puppet shows for children will be presented at the sound and light theatre in the first hours of the afternoon.

F- Local Folklore: Dubke & Samer traditional Jordanian dances; Circassian Folk Dances; Yarmouk University Folklore Troupe; Alia Jordanian Folklore Troupe; the Shishan Kids Troupe; G- Local Music and Songs: the Jordanian Armed Forces Band;

H- Paintings and Fine Arts Exhibitions will take place in the Zeus vaults and in the Cathedral area.

I- The Arab Book Fair, the first of what is planned as an annual event, will feature books published by over 100 Arab and Jordanian publishers and cultural institutions, children's books, and educational toys.

J- Jordanian Crafts will be permanently exhibited in 30 small shops along the colonnaded main street of ancient Jerash, with the craftspeople demonstrating their techniques and selling their wares.

K- Fashion shows: "Karytina Ya Mahlaha", featuring dresses from throughout the country from the collection of Mrs. Widad Kassar, and "Jordan Through History", covering Jordanian and Palestinian costume from 4500 B.C. to the present.

L- Films and media presentations from Jordan and other Arab countries will be offered in several different places. "Onar Mukhtar" and "The Message" will be shown in their English versions.

## Intercon. in top 300

AMMAN (J.T.) — The international travel guide Harpers and Queen has included the Jordan Inter-Continental Hotel in the recently published revised edition of its "300 Best Hotels in the World".

The author, Rene Leder, in his comments wrote that "I concluded that it was now one of the best hotels in the Middle East."

Meanwhile, the management of the Jordan Inter-Continental Sunday held a reception to mark the appointment of a new director of Sales and Marketing Osama Dabbas.

The reception was attended by Jordanian officials, and journalists.

## AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the Balance Sheet of ANSALDO SOCIETA GENERALE ELETTROMECCANICA S.p.A., Jordan Branch (Foreign Limited Co.) as at 31st December, 1982, and the Profit and Loss Statement for the Year then ended, and have obtained the information and explanations which we required for the purposes of our audit.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, and according to the books and vouchers of the Company and to the information and explanations given to us, the accompanying Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement present fairly the financial position of ANSALDO SOCIETA GENERALE ELETTROMECCANICA S.p.A., Jordan Branch as at 31st December, 1982, and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

Amman, 26th May 1983.

BAWAB & Co.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS & AUDITORS

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ANSALDO SOCIETA GENERALE ELETTROMECCANICA S.p.A.

JORDAN BRANCH

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1982

ASSETS	JD	FLS	JD	FLS	LIABILITIES	JD	FLS	JD	FLS
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					<b>REGISTERED CAPITAL IN JORDAN</b>			10000	000
Buildings	14225	500			<b>HEAD OFFICE FUND</b>				
Less Accumulated Depreciation	7581	040	6645	460	ANSALDO GENIA, ITALY	1430412	625		
Equipment	228	500			Less Accumulated Losses (Note 5)	1395052	244	43350	382
Less Depreciation	11	425	217	075	<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Car	5300	000			Jordan Electricity Authority	94751	150		
Less Accumulated Depreciation	1975	000	4725	000	Grindlays Bank /C 815	199328	109	294089	269
Furniture & Appliances	5785	700							
Less Accumulated Depreciation	1775	180	4010	520					
Grave Y. 120	17000	000							
Less Accumulated Depreciation	4887	500	12112	500					
<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</b>			27710	555					
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>									
361 Clashes	300852	540							
Deposits and Advances (Note 3)	1532	125							
Ansaldos Iraq	11852	915							
Cash at Banks (Note 4)	4305	185							
Cash in Hand	1073	231							
			319729	095				347439	691

The attached Notes to the Financial Statements form an integral part of these statements

Amman, 26th May 1983

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DIVISION OF TETRAD IV

**By Rami G. Khouri**

1951, the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the International Security Assistance and Arms Control Act of 1976. In none of these instances has the United States government imposed the full sanctions of Israel that are called for in these treaties and laws, in the wake of Israel's clear violations of the terms of these treaties and laws.

So, what does one conclude yet again? That the United States government applies one moral and legal standard to Israel, and a different standard for Arabs and Arab-Americans? Is this the policy of an honest mediator, or of a agonisingly partial power that masquerades under the false and hypocritical guise of impartiality? Perhaps Robert McFarlane could clarify this delicate moral point when he visits next week. It's a good place for him to start his job as America's special envoy to the Middle East.

--Arab News, Jeddah

While the U.N. Security Council discusses the Zionist attacks on Hebron, the Palestinian fighters continue to kill one another, innocent of Israel's criminal acts against the Arab population in Palestine. The warring fighters in Lebanon should realise that there must be no sacrifices except in the fight for the liberation of Palestine and in the confrontation of the common enemy.

"The Sandinists think the United States wants to get rid of them

Still, both civilians and military in the north are resigned to more fighting and huge banners dotted around the countryside carry exhortations on what to do once it starts.

Thousands of troops are pitted against what South African sources estimate are about 71,000

on, the local residents in Oshana in the heart of Ovamboland where much of the conflict is concentrated, told Reuters that low-

ried by armoured cars as they pass through Ovamboland to border posts. Some local residents said South African troops also patrolled well into Angolan territory.

against what South African sources estimate are about 7,000

to bring peace to Namibia grinding on, the local residents in Oshana in the heart of Ovamboland where much of the conflict is concentrated, told Reuters that low

pass through Ovamboland to the border posts. Some local residents said South African troops also patrolled well into Angolan territory.

All farms in the area, which lie

on the boundary between the Ovamboland tribal area and the white farming land, are connected by radio.

# 'Rocky' pays back to boxing

By Ronald Clarke  
Reuter

LOS ANGELES — It started in 1975 when he saw Muhammad Ali batter the "Bayonne Bleeder" into defeat.

He turned it into heroic fantasy with the come-from-nothing triumph of Hollywood heavyweight "Rocky Balboa."

Now he has completed the circle with an agreement to promote a real-life champion, Sylvester Stallone is going into the boxing business.

The millionaire actor and his Tiger Eye Company have signed a deal to promote World Boxing Association junior welterweight champion Aaron Pryor for the next three years.

"I owe boxing a lot. Now I am trying to repay some of that debt," Stallone says. "This is the tip of the iceberg."

Pryor, 27, has a professional record of 33 wins, 31 by knockout, and no defeats. Stallone has yet to land a blow in anger in the ring, but he is arguably the better known "boxer."

His break came when he saw Muhammad Ali defeat Chuck Wepner, the "Bayonne Bleeder", on closed circuit television in 1975. Wepner, the outsider, hung on for 15 rounds, and Stallone, enthralled by his courage, wrote the story of a fighter who came from nowhere to a world title contest.

Stallone has become trapped by his creation. His "Rocky" films, which he writes, directs and stars in, have generally been far more successful than his other pictures.

He is today one of the busiest stars in Hollywood, working on a string of projects, but fans yell at him "hey, Rocky."

"Rocky speaks to a lot more people than I do," Stallone said. "I can touch people by being Rocky."

Born in the tough Hell's Kitchen area of New York City, a breeding ground for boxers, Stallone's background runs parallel to many of the contenders he one day hopes to promote.

While trying to become a star, he cleaned out lions' cages at Central Park Zoo — until a lion with a bladder problem ruined his only pair of trousers.

He gutted fish in a restaurant and worked as a cinema usher.

He spent six years going from casting office to casting office looking for acting jobs. "I was rejected by every casting audition," Stallone said. "I can laugh about it now, but it was a cruel experience."

"Everyone wrote me off," he said, recalling how he tried to sell his script. "But it was like preparing for a fight. I always believed that someday I would be successful. I kept hitting my head against the door. And, finally, I made it."

The 36-year-old Stallone, in slim, fighting trim after "Rocky III," looks a boxer off-screen, with this thick mop of black hair brushed back and his heavy-lidded eyes.

He stands in his expensive double-breasted suit looking down at his hand-made shoes. A bodyguard hovers respectfully. Public relations men had out releases. Photographers struggle.

"I know there is going to be incredible scepticism about my becoming a co-promoter," he said. "People are going to say 'another toy for a Hollywood actor'. But I am sincere."

"I hope he (Pryor) will be followed by hundreds of other fighters, youngsters who would never have had an opportunity," the star says. "Boxing has been so very good to me."

"When I am in the ring, it is fantasy. But I feel alive."

Pryor, wearing a dinner suit and white shoes, stands in the background while Stallone talks.

"Once he was an angry man," the promoter says of his real-life Rocky, "but he has let the anger go. He is a gladiator."

"Boxers always seem to be quarrelling about their contracts, having managerial problems. I want



Sylvester Stallone

to eliminate that."

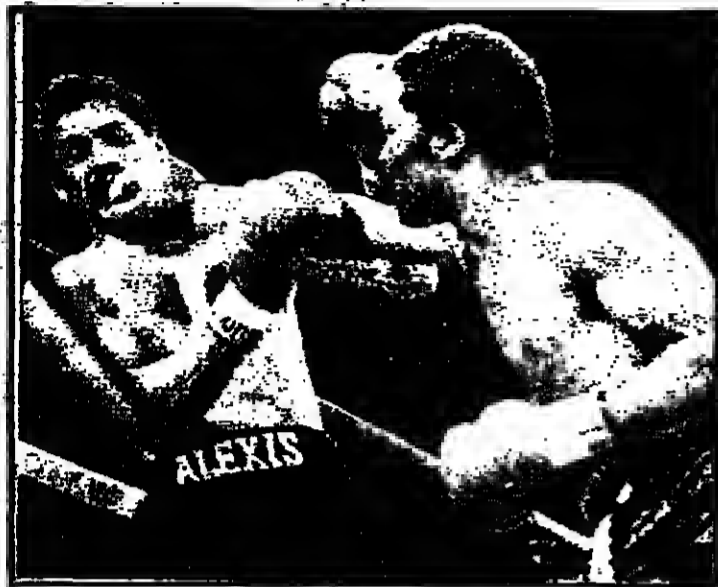
Stallone, who scares away some actors because of his habit of repeatedly rewriting scripts, has just completed directing John Travolta in a sequel to "Saturday Night Fever" called "Staying Alive."

He is also due to star with Dolly Parton in "Rhinestone Cowboy," in which he will sing.

And then there is "Rocky IV."

"This time Rocky will have to defend the honour of his nation," he said. "He will become the unwilling symbol of his nation's conscience."

Joe Louis was in the same position when he knocked out Max Schmeling, of Germany, in the first round of their fight in New York in 1933.



Aaron Pryor (right) and Alexis Arguello during their November bout in which Pryor won knockout in the 14th round.

## 'U.S. needs space station'

WASHINGTON — The crew of the U.S. space shuttle Challenger said the prospect of a permanent manned presence in space by the United States was made more likely by the achievements of the seventh shuttle mission last month.

The Challenger, flown by commander Robert Crippen, pilot Rick Hauck, and mission specialists John Fabian, Norman Thagard and Sally Ride, ended its six-day shuttle mission when it landed June 24 at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

The five astronauts, speaking before the Senate committee on commerce, science and transportation July 20, said the seventh shuttle mission was the most successful ever and enhanced plans for longer human flights, commercial activity in space, and scientific investigation of the earth and the solar system.

Commander Crippen told the Senate committee that it was essential that the United States undertake efforts to create a permanent presence in space in the

form of a space-station "at the earliest possible moment."

The building of a space station by the United States "will happen — it is only a matter of time," he said. "I think I will certainly see it in my lifetime. We need that station not only for a continuous presence in space, but for man to return to the moon."

Crippen said that in the future the United States will go back to the moon not for a short period of time as during the Apollo programme, but to build a permanent base on the lunar surface.

"We have the capability now to continuously work there, and understand better what is happening on the moon," he said. "We will also go to Mars... but we need a space station to get there, beyond that we will go to the stars."

Mission specialist Sally Ride, the first American woman astronaut to fly in space, said a continued presence in space is very important for many experiments that cannot be performed during a one-week shuttle flight, and for

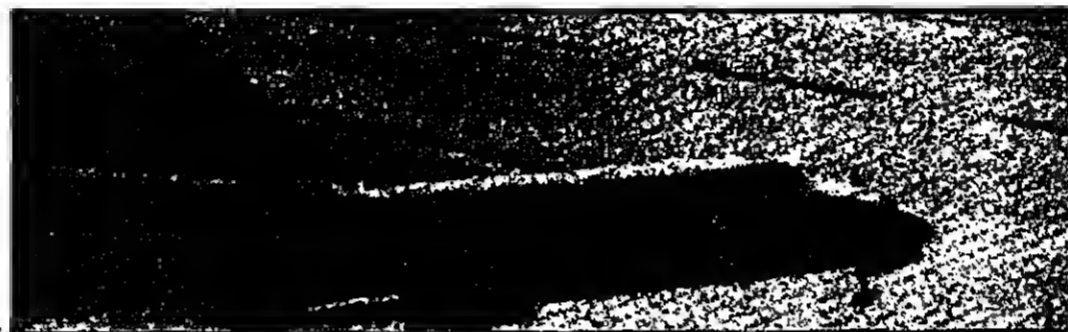
continuing observations of geological and oceanographic features.

"But it represents a different direction than the space shuttle," she said. "It's the direction that the Soviets have elected to pursue. They don't have a reusable vehicle with the technological capabilities of the space shuttle. They've elected to use space stations they developed many years ago and keep in space continuously to link up with their astronauts."

Ride said that the space shuttle represents "an amazing technological advancement," but the next important step would be to develop a space station.

Also in a separate statement, the administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), James Beggs, told the National Press Club July 22 that the United States will fly an experiment on a Soviet satellite in the near future and that Soviets plan to fly an experiment on a U.S. satellite in a year or two.

Beggs added that although U.S. and Soviet astronauts worked together in space during the Apollo-Soyuz test project in July 1975, "we should need the assurance of the Soviets that they would be willing to open their programme a little more," before agreeing to a similar mission. Beggs added, however, that "we would like to do it again. It would probably benefit the world."



U.S. space shuttle Challenger landing at Edwards Air Base in California after a six-day mission in space.

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Astronaut Sally Ride, in her statement before the Senate committee, said one of the most spectacular parts of the seventh shuttle mission came as the Orbiter and the West German-built Spas scientists satellite moved through space in tandem after Spas had been lifted out of the cargo bay

and released by the shuttle's Canadian-made mechanical arm.

"We did something that hasn't been done before and which is a very important capability of the space shuttle," she said. "That was to pick up a satellite and release it as a free-flying satellite. This means in the future we can pick up and repair satellites in orbit."

Commander Crippen explained that on shuttle mission 19 the first attempt will be made to actually rendezvous the shuttle with an ailing satellite, the solar maximum spacecraft. During that mission astronauts will perform an extravehicular activity (EVA) to stabilise the satellite so that it can be

grappled by the remote arm and berthed in the cargo bay for repair. The solar maximum would then be deployed back into space in continue investigation of the violence nature of the sun and its effects on earth.

Crippen also said that NASA is now investigating the possibility of flying so-called "citizens" in space on future shuttle missions.

"A NASA committee is looking specifically at people like journalists, poets, musicians and the like for future space flight," he said. "I would anticipate that something of that nature will occur in the next couple of years."

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### Daytime robbers

For a short while now, some Jordanian's have been gripped by the panic of having their cars stolen, due to the fact that a real frenzy has overtaken the car robbers who find everything appealing from the emblem of the car to the car itself.

What is strange though is that the robberies do not happen only at night but more and more during the day.

Last week I heard about a robbery that took place at noon near the First Circle where the police is on the premises and about another robbery also in Jabal Amman in a well-guarded street where there are two embassies.

What is it that makes the robbers so confident especially that sometimes their loot does not explain the risks they take?

They break your windows to take what? A friend was telling me that her car was badly damaged by robbers who took her beach bag which contained her bikini and a small radio.

Our neighbour's car parked in his garage was also damaged but nothing was found to be stolen.

Personally and in the course of one month I had to change three times the emblem of my car. This last case is becoming more and more common and this is confirmed by the number of cars that are circulating in Amman completely stripped from their emblems.

One last thing is the people who watch you when you are shopping and parking your car. Most of us leave our shopping bags in our cars that we leave open because we just want to dash in the nearby pharmacy and this is the time that the robbers chose to ransack our cars from all their contents.

## Opinion -- Al Ra'i

### Strange procedures and impossible tasks

By Hashem Khureisat

To select a name for his new store, a Jordanian merchant is being subjected these days to a strange procedure, required by the Ministry of Industry and Trade which issues licences for new stores.

A merchant who submits an application for licence has to take the oath before a court judge testifying to the effect that the name he is choosing for his store has not been given to any other throughout the country.

We can understand that an applicant may be able to find out, through various means at his disposal, if the name he is choosing for his store is the only one in town — the capital for instance. But it is almost impossible for that merchant to

ensure that that particular name does not exist anywhere else in other parts of the country. This indeed is asking for the impossible!

We fail to see the reason behind this strange and impractical procedure by the ministry which if anything should itself undertake this task.

The lists of stores, their owners and names are normally kept on record in the ministry's files or trade registers, and any application for new stores can easily be checked out and verified against the lists. We hope the Ministry of Industry and Trade will abandon this procedure so as to save the merchant the trouble of taking the oath and carrying out an almost impossible task.

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# SPORTS

## World number four Shriver storms to best ever victory

SYDNEY (R) — American Pam Shriver took just 64 minutes to secure her highest ever pay-day here Sunday when she beat compatriot and world number two Chris Evert-Lloyd in the final of the \$250,000 women's indoor tennis tournament at the Hordern Pavilion.

Shriver crushed Lloyd 6-2, 6-4—one of the greatest victories of her career—and collected \$100,000 prizemoney in the process.

It was Lloyd's second defeat in three days and Shriver's first success over her rival in 15 meetings.

World number four Shriver stretched, scraped and struggled but seldom let a shot get past her to frustrate Lloyd, three times Wimbledon Champion and the reigning French Open Champion.

"I knew what I had to do and I did it. I cut down on the number of

stupid errors I usually make and that was the difference," Shriver said.

Shriver lost in straight sets to another American, Leslie Allen on the opening night of the round-robin tournament.

Lloyd, 28, was surprisingly beaten at Wimbledon last month in the third round and this tournament was one of three she intended to use to prepare her defence of the U.S. Open title next month.

Lloyd, who has switched to a graphite racket after using a wooden one for 11 years said she had trouble adapting and her game lost accuracy.

Shriver swept the first set in just 27 minutes. Games went with serve until the fourth when Shriver broke Lloyd and held the next game to take a 4-1 lead. She broke Lloyd again in the eighth game to

take the opening set after dropping just three points.

But Lloyd, who battled back against American Lisa Bonder and Australia's Wendy Turnbull in earlier matches, indicated she might do it again.

She broke 21-year-old Shriver's serve in the opening game of the second set and held her own to lead 3-1. But Shriver refused to surrender and rallied to take the next three games before Lloyd checked the slide and tied the set up at 4-4.

Shriver held service in the ninth game and Lloyd came out in the tenth serving to stay in the match. But Shriver raced away to hold three match points before securing her victory.

Turnbull defeated this year's beaten Wimbledon finalist Andrea Jaeger 6-4, 6-3 in the play-off for third place.

## Soviets defeat U.S. in world women's basketball

SAO PAULO (R) — The Soviet Union came back from a nine-point deficit at the half to score a hard-fought victory over the United States Saturday night in a finals round match of the ninth World Women's Basketball Championships.

The Soviet team, led by 2.10 metre (6 foot 11 2/3 inch) tall Uliana Semenova, defeated the defending champions 85-84 (half-time 41-49) in a confrontation that could prove a trial run of the eventual final on Aug. 6.

Determined defence by the American team succeeded in smothering the Russian attack in the opening 20 minutes.

The U.S. strategy of seeking to neutralise the threat from Semenova, the tallest player in the tournament, paid off initially. But the tight guarding led to many fouls.

With several minutes remaining, the two tallest Americans, Anne Donovan and Cindy Noble, who had been given the job of containing Semenova, had to be replaced when they committed the

maximum number of fouls permitted.

In their absence, the Russians piled up the points, with team captain Semenova scoring 22 in the second half.

Earlier, Brazil lost their unbeaten record in the eight-nation finals when they went down 72-71 to China, the Asian Champions.

Urged on by a roaring crowd, the host nation rallied strongly after trailing by 12 points with only minutes remaining but the clock ran out on them.

In the other of Saturday night's matches, between two teams whose earlier defeats virtually ruled them out of contention, Bulgaria beat a weary Polish side 71-57 (41-33).

The United States, who won the title in South Korea four years ago when the Soviet team stayed away in a dispute over the venue, remained tied for first place with Brazil. Each has two victories and one defeat.

The Soviet Union is in third place with two victories but has one game in hand.

## Spain's Abascal hopes to hit form in Helsinki

MADRID (R) — Jose Manuel Abascal, Spain's national 1,500 metres champion, has been struggling through a bad patch but hopes to hit form in time for next month's World Championships in Helsinki.

His track pedigree would make him a likely finalist in Helsinki but his performances this year have raised doubts and done little to boost his confidence.

Abascal, 25, clocked three minutes 33.12 seconds to set a national 1,500 metres record last year. But in Stockholm earlier this month he failed to finish in the first four and did not break 3:38.10.

Disagreement over appearance money forced him to withdraw from a 1,500 metres in Paris last month when rival Spaniard Jose Luis Gonzalez scored a dramatic win over Britain's Olympic gold medalist Sebastian Coe.

The dramatic comeback of Gonzalez after a long illness has overshadowed Abascal's fortunes and robbed him of some of the success and popularity he enjoyed while his rival was out of competition.

Last season was a good one for Abascal. He set his Spanish record and won the national indoor and outdoor titles over 1,500 metres.

But his present predicament was underlined last month when he ran with Gonzalez against British world record-holder Steve Ovett in a 1,500 metres in Oslo.

Abascal made a strong outside run on the final bend but fell sprawling after a collision with veteran New Zealander John Walker. Gonzalez chased Ovett to the tape.

Abascal is known to lack confidence in his own ability, a factor which may inhibit him against the world's best in Helsinki.

This view is shared by Spanish Athletics Federation President Juan Manuel de Hoz who says Abascal is as good as Gonzalez but suffers from an inferiority complex — what de Hoz calls the "Gonzalez Syndrome" — towards his compatriot.

Abascal's 1,500 metres bronze medal at last year's European Championships in Athens led many to believe he had overcome his fear of competition.

He stands 1.81 metres tall and weighs 67 kilos. No one has questioned his determination, but he

appears to lack the accelerating power of Ovett or Gonzalez in the final straight.

Abascal's versatility as a middle-distance runner is one of his strengths. Apart from his 1,500 metres national record he also holds the best Spanish times for 800 and 5,000 metres.

He works as a physical education teacher and comes from Spain's northern region of Asturias.

As a member of the athletics team run by Spain's multi-million dollar soccer club Barcelona, Abascal enjoys the use of some of

the best sports facilities in the country.

His coach, Gregorio Rojo, was himself an accomplished marathon runner some 20 years ago. Like Gonzalez, Abascal has no personal manager and negotiates the terms of his appearances himself.

Running alone, on his current form, Abascal may pose far less of a threat than Gonzalez to Ovett, Britain's European and Commonwealth Champion Steve Cram and the rest.

But together, the Spanish pair could spring a surprise in Helsinki.

## Sunday papers call for Botham's head

LONDON (R) — Controversial all-rounder Ian Botham took a major share of the blame Sunday in the British press for England's poor performance in the second cricket test against New Zealand.

With two days' play remaining after Sunday's rest day England are just two runs ahead of New Zealand with only four second innings wickets remaining. If New Zealand win it will be their first test victory in England and only their second over their oldest rivals.

"Bye-bye Botham" was the headline on the back page of the People and in an inside story former England fast bowler Fred Trueman called on the selectors to drop Botham, who was out for four Saturday after failing to take a wicket.

"For the first time an English crowd saw something of what happened to England in Australia and New Zealand last winter," Trueman wrote.

The Sunday Mirror headlined its main story "the fall guy," and added "Botham deserves the boot."

"Swashbuckling Ian Botham may soon pay the price for being the boldest swinger in town. When he's good, he's very very good. But when he's bad, he's a disaster."

aster," the paper's cricket writer said.

The News of the World's headline was "Botham madness" and Paul Weaver wrote: "Ian Botham in a moment of mad madness put the immediate futures of England and himself in grave peril in Leeds yesterday."

The paper's columnist, former Australian captain Richie Benaud, preferred to concentrate on the New Zealanders' performance.

"Geoff Howarth you were magnificent... and so were the rest of the New Zealand team as they stormed towards a sensational test match victory," Benaud wrote.

Tony Lewis, yet another of the ex-international cricketers who contribute to the English national papers, joined in the praise.

Lewis, writing in the Sunday Telegraph, said the New Zealand bowlers had got more out of the pitch, the batsman had played more soundly and the field placings were better thought out.

In the Observer, Seyd Berry said the crowd left Headingley Saturday realising that "Kiwis, like pigs, might fly."

Meanwhile England captain Bob Willis said neither his bowlers or his batsmen had done their job and asked about Botham commented wryly "Ian is finding different ways of getting out."

His opposite number Geoff Howarth said there was still a lot of work to do.

"But we are in a reasonable condition as long as we don't become complacent," he said.

## Promoter hopes to lure Borg to Sydney

SYDNEY (R) — Australian tennis promoter Paul Dainty said Sunday he hoped to lure former Wimbledon Champion Bjorn Borg to Sydney for an exhibition tournament next February.

Borg, 27, who won Wimbledon five times, retired earlier this year. "I spoke to Bjorn at Wimbledon where he was working as a commentator for an American television channel and I'm confident he will play here," Dainty said.

"He is very keen to play in our event and I would rate the chances

of him playing at least 70-30." Dainty said he also hoped to attract U.S. stars John McEnroe, Jimmy Connors as well as Czechoslovak Ivan Lendl.

## Weightlifting record broken twice

MOSCOW (R) — The world heavyweight jerk weightlifting record was broken twice within minutes at the eighth Soviet National Games here on Sunday.

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## Oteiba welcomes oil price rises

DUBAI (R) — OPEC Chairman Mana Said Al Oteiba welcomed rises in heavy crude oil prices announced by some producers and said Sunday the moves indicated the market was improving, the official Emirates News Agency (WAM) reported.

Dr. Oteiba, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) petroleum and mineral resources minister, said on return from an OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) meeting in Helsinki that the rises were a result of moves made in March.

Iran's Deputy Oil Minister Abbas Honardoust, quoted by the Iranian news agency IRNA, said Saturday his country was raising the price of its heavy crude by 20 cents to \$27.10 a barrel, effective from Aug. 20.

This followed rises of between 77 cents and \$1.50 a barrel in the price of Venezuelan heavy and extra heavy crude, which are not covered by OPEC agreements.

OPEC ministers meeting in London in March set an overall crude oil output ceiling of 17.5 million barrels per day and cut the OPEC benchmark price to \$24 a barrel from \$34 to help combat a world glut.

Dr. Oteiba said he hoped oil producing countries would take measures to ensure that their prices matched official OPEC prices to help achieve a market balance.

He reaffirmed that OPEC would not allow an increase of oil supplies in an effort to help maintain a balanced market and keep the \$29 benchmark price until 1985.

## Textile pact allows moderate rise in China's sales to U.S.

GENEVA (R) — China and the United States initiated a trade agreement late Saturday night which will permit a moderate growth and further diversification to China's textile exports to the U.S., senior trade sources said Sunday.

The initialing came after a last session of talks to hammer out final details of the pact, agreed in principle in the early hours of Friday morning after a marathon negotiating session.

The agreement brings to an end a long-simmering dispute which has soured Sino-American trade relations for a year.

It replaces one which expired last December. When earlier talks in Peking and Washington failed the U.S. unilaterally imposed restrictions on textile imports from China and China in turn said it would stop buying U.S. synthetic fibres, cotton and soybeans.

The agreement will have a broad effect on improving relations, the sources said. "The Chinese wanted to facilitate an expansion of their trade because a lack of agreement made buyers uncertain and U.S. farmers wanted it because they feared Peking was cutting its grain purchases in retaliation for our restrictions."

The sources declined to give details of how much growth would be allowed in Chinese textile imports but pointed out that in 1982 there was a 25 per cent increase in such imports into the U.S. and "there will be no cutbacks."

China is the fourth largest textile supplier to the U.S. after Hong Kong, Korea and Taiwan.

## Forner Pe next director arrested on fraud charges

MEXICO CITY (R) — A former director of the Mexican state oil company Pemex was arrested Saturday on fraud charges after being stripped of his senatorial immunity, the official news agency Infonmex reported.

Mr. Jorge Diaz Serrano, who directed the company from 1976 to 1981, was charged with defrauding the state of \$34 million when two oil tankers were bought in 1981, it said.

He was taken in custody and arraigned before a judge hours after the 364-member house of deputies voted to withdraw his immunity as a senator, it said.

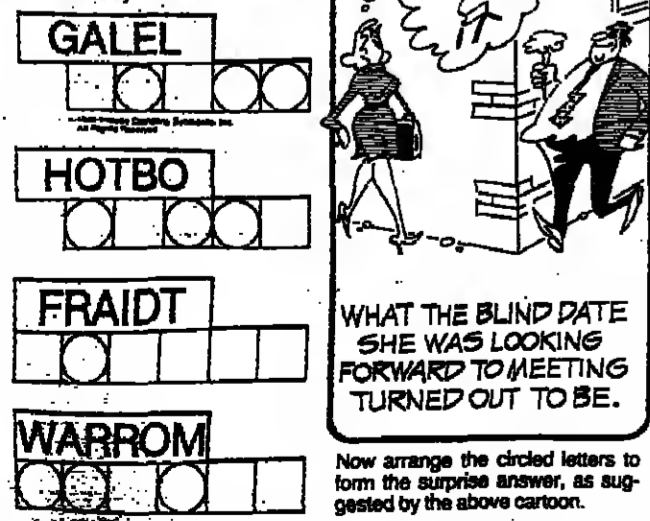
## THE BETTER HALF

By Harris



## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers tomorrow

Yesterday's Jumbles: RODEO IDIOM CRABBY INJURY

Answer: He decided to watch his drinking—by only visiting bars that have this—A MIRROR

## U.S. plans for new trade department

WASHINGTON (R) — White House plans for a new super-

ministry to forge a strong U.S. trade policy are drawing charges of protectionism and encountering powerful opposition in Congress, trade and congressional sources say.

Opposition to the plan, contained in a bill now before the Senate, comes from agricultural trade associations, businessmen and within the Reagan administration itself.

Some senators are also strongly opposed to the bill, and a row has flared in the House of Representatives between two committees which would have jurisdiction over the new department, the sources said.

The plan calls for the office of the U.S. trade representative, with its elite band of trade negotiators, to be absorbed by the large and cumbersome Commerce Department, which has become linked to domestic interests, the sources say.

Administration officials reject the idea that the new department of international trade and industry would resemble its Japanese counterpart, noted for its fierce protection of domestic industry.

Commerce Department officials say the reorganisation would make trade strategy more coherent by bringing together the arms of the administration that make and carry out trade policy.

At present, commerce carries out policies negotiated with tra-

ding partners by the U.S. trade office.

A former senior department official, Mr. Robert Herstein, disagrees that a new department would boost trade curbs. "Protectionism is a very lousy rap to hang on commerce. Recently it has been very free-trade oriented," he said.

In the Senate, Republican John Danforth, who holds influential positions on committees dealing with the issue, has come out against the plan.

"Danforth's opposition is potent," one Senate aide said.

A senior aide to the powerful House Ways and Means committee said even though there could be support for the project from the energy and commerce committees: "It won't stand much chance of success here."

The debate has been given a new twist by the huge U.S. trade deficit, which may hit \$70 billion in 1983, and calls from Democrats for an industrial policy to aid ailing industries and promote the emergence of new ones.

Administration sources say several government departments oppose the plan but that the usual cabinet debate was silenced after Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige secured President Reagan's support soon after he took office in 1981.

But some U.S. officials feel that mounting opposition will turn the project into a political liability and the bill will never succeed.

"The handwriting is on the wall," one said.

White House sources said the president would probably lobby Congress on the issue when he felt the time was right.

While its chances of success seem remote this year, the plan may gain support in 1984 if protectionist pressures mount.

The project has put Mr. William Brock, the U.S. trade representative and Mr. Baldrige in the limelight.

They have avoided public clashes, but one trade spokesman described the plan as "a power grab by Baldrige."

Trade and administration sources say Mr. Baldrige has openly promised help for domestic industries in exchange for their support.

The Commerce Department has also attempted to expand its territory.

"Their people became very aggressive about what they viewed as their territory," one source said, referring to a clash between the two offices over which one should hold talks with Japan on industrial policy.

The trade representatives' office was established in 1962 by Congress, which has constitutional authority over foreign commerce. It was given cabinet and White House status to protect trade policy from special interests put forward by other departments.

Congressional sources say its abolition could prompt a string of protectionist bills in Congress as lawmakers attempted to recapture their authority over trade.

Other government departments including agriculture, state treasury and defence have also expressed strong reservations about the plan, trade sources say.

## Major trade union backs Neil Kinnock

LONDON (R) — One of Britain's biggest trade unions, the Public Employees, has backed left-winger Neil Kinnock as the next leader of the opposition Labour Party.

Mr. Kinnock, 41, is now firm favourite to replace veteran leader Michael Foot, 70, who led the party to a disastrous defeat in a general election last month.

The National Union of Public Employees, with 600,000 members, is the fourth biggest union affiliated to the Labour Party.

The unions provide much of the financial support for the party and have an important voice in the choice of the leadership.

## Foreign firms step up oil search in South Yemen

BAHRAIN (R) — The discovery of high-quality crude oil in South Yemen has lured foreign oil firms to the country and given its Marxist rulers new hopes of wealth.

Oil exploration in the impoverished, mountainous country on the southern tip of the Arabian peninsula has been going on for decades.

No significant discovery was made until April last year when light crude oil flowed at the rate of 3,000 barrels per day from a test well which Agip SPA of Italy had drilled 12 miles off the Hadramout coast.

Brazilian, Spanish, Kuwaiti and Soviet companies are also searching for oil but they have yet to make a strike.

Agip's success cheered the South Yemen government which had been eagerly hoping for results since 1979 when it first invited foreign firms to search oil.

"This is good, but of course further studies are needed to know the extent of the (Agip) find," Industry Minister Abdul Qader Baqamall said in a recent magazine interview.

Gulf analysis said a large oil find could end South Yemen's economic deprivation, mainly due to a lack of natural resources and

because its pro-Moscow policies have discouraged rich Gulf oil states from giving generous aid.

Oil industry sources in Bahrain said Agip was now assessing whether it was possible for the oil found at the Sharmah structure to be produced in commercial quantities.

The sources added that if the feasibility study was successful, the tempo of oil exploration by foreign firms could increase.

They said the Japan National Oil Company and Agip's parent, the Italian State Oil Company Eni, were considering teaming up in a joint venture with Agip.

Apparently encouraged by Agip's strike, the Independent Petroleum Group, a private Kuwaiti firm, signed a contract with South Yemen in June to explore oil in onshore and offshore areas in eastern Shabwa province which borders North Yemen and Saudi Arabia.

The Soviet techno-export firm is drilling two onshore wells, one in the same province and the other in the north-eastern province of Thamud bordering Saudi Arabia.

Braspetro, a subsidiary of Brazil's Petroleo Brasileiro, in a joint venture with the Spanish government oil company Hispanica

De Petroleos, is exploring an area of 42,000 square kilometres between Hadramout and Mahra provinces, Mahra borders Oman, a modest oil exporter.

According to the sources, the exploration areas lie on the rim of a big sedimentary basin in the desert of Rub Al Khali, known as the empty quarter.

The oil reservoirs of Saudi Arabia, Oman and the United Arab Emirates lie in the basin, including the giant Saudi Gawhar field, which with estimated reserves of 50 billion barrels of oil is the world's biggest.

The sources said that if South Yemen became an oil exporter it could attract clients such as Japan which seek politically-secure sources of oil from outside the Gulf.

The security of the Gulf, which supplies about 70 per cent of the oil requirements of industrialised countries, has been called into question in the aftermath of Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, the Iranian revolution and the Iraq-Iran war.

South Yemen, which gained independence from Britain in 1967, has in recent years channelled more of its revenue into seismic studies and surveys for

minerals.

In the current 1981-85 development plan, 34 million dinars (\$98.5 million) was allocated to minerals exploration, against 6.2 million dinars (\$18 million) under the previous plan.

The World Bank helped South Yemen with \$9 million credit for oil promotion projects three years ago.

The discovery of oil in commercial quantities could dramatically alter the fortunes of South Yemen's 1.5 million tribal inhabitants.

The country's meagre foreign aid is supplemented by remittances from South Yemenis working overseas and the income from the Aden refinery, which supplies fuel to ships calling at Aden harbour on their way to and from the Suez Canal.

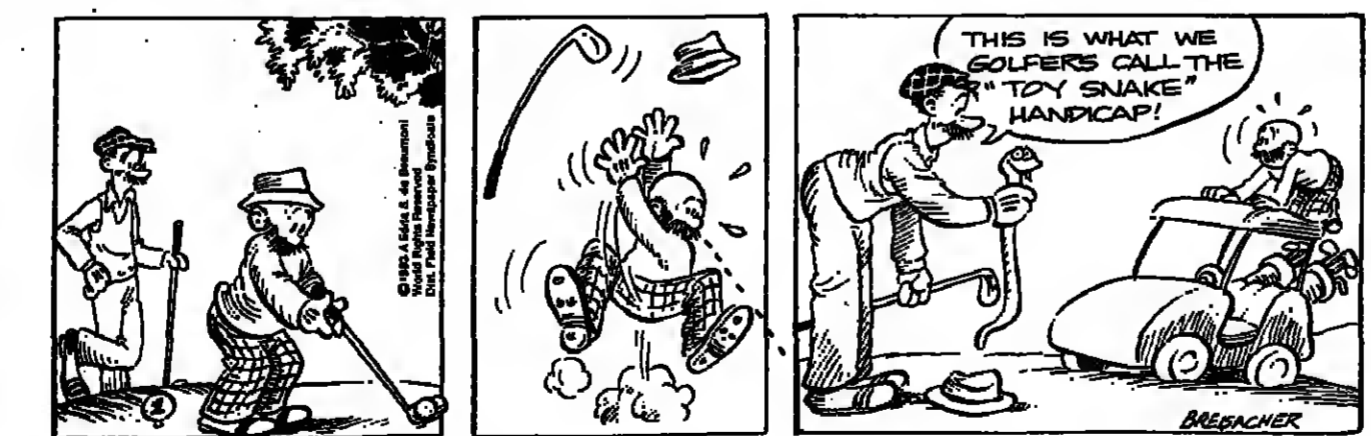
The refinery has a capacity of 160,000 barrels daily but operates at reduced output on crude from some Arab countries and the Soviet Union.

Last month, Iran renewed a contract with South Yemen under which an unspecified quantity of Iranian crude would be processed at the refinery and reshipped to Iran for domestic consumption.

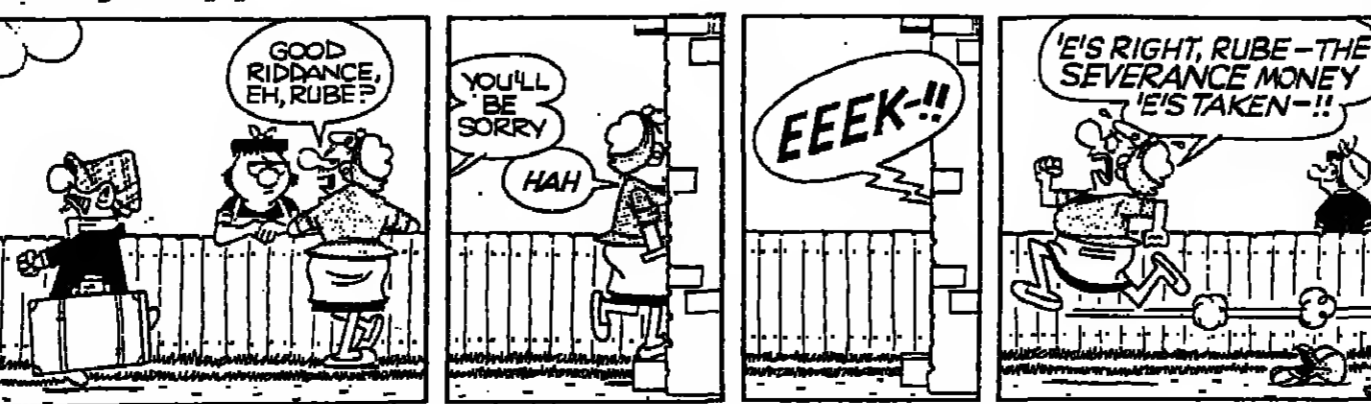
## Peanuts



## Mutt 'n' Jeff



## Andy Capp



FORECAST FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 1983

## YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** A day and evening when it is not advisable that you make important business or financial decisions. You are very practical about what requires your present attention.

**ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)** Important that you get your bills paid to the best of your ability today. Take health treatments.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)** Your personal wishes may not be attainable to get problematical affairs handled wisely. Work on details.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)** Advisors do not seem to give you the right solution for some secret worry, so listen to what a family tie suggests.

**MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21)** It would be well to go after your personal wishes alone and not take that bumptious friend with you.

**LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21)** Take care you do not ink a higher-up who is on the warpath where you are concerned. Seek advice.

**VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)** Not a good day to get at that new condition that is developing, since little could be done about it now. Be more charming.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)** Not a good day to come to any important decisions where your business affairs are concerned. Seek expert advice.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)** Do not interfere in an argument between a partner and an official otherwise you could get into trouble.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)** Don't argue at work over more money, etc. but be as efficient as you can. Avoid a jealous person.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)** Don't get away from valuable work just to have a good time or you will surely regret it. Listen to suggestions.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)** Use tact so that difficult situation at home does not erupt into a big fight. Be efficient at work.

**PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20)** Be careful in both speech and motion today otherwise you can get into serious trouble. Stick with a partner.

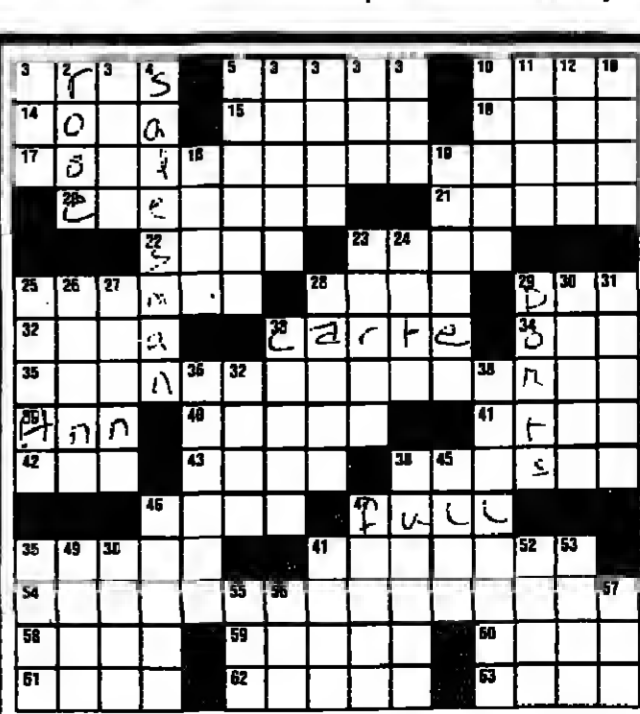
**IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY . . .** he or she will get into one project or another and gain from it, and also be good at trouble-shooting matters. However, your progeny should be taught early to reach quicker decisions. Spiritual training is a must.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

## THE Daily Crossword

By CF Murray

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# WORLD

## Latin American peace talks fail to reach agreement

PANAMA CITY (R) — Nine Latin American foreign ministers ended three days of peace talks Saturday night without producing a diplomatic breakthrough which could avert the possibility of war between Honduras and Nicaragua.

The Contadora group of Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela and Panama, which sponsored the talks, could not persuade five Central American nations to accept a peace plan calling for an end to the foreign military presence in the region. Foreign Ministry officials said.

A communique said the conference focused on the split between leftist Nicaragua and Washington's allies, El Salvador, Guatemala, Costa Rica and Honduras. They have accused Nicaragua of exporting revolution and trying to impose Communism on its neighbors.

Panamanian Foreign Minister Juan Jose Amado told reporters that the Contadora group must speed up its diplomatic efforts to find solutions "before the military crisis reaches a position of no return."

Amado said Amado was referring to the danger of war between Honduras, Washington's closest ally in Central America, and Nicaragua, which has close ties with Cuba and the Soviet Union.

Fears of war increased when Nicaragua reported on Friday that an unidentified aircraft coming from Honduras fired rockets at a target near its port of Corinto.

Washington said Corinto had been used to unload Soviet arms shipments, but a port administrator said Saturday no Soviet freighters had docked there with weapons consignments this year.

Nicaragua says 1,500 soldiers and civilians have died this year in clashes with rightist insurgents, based in Honduras, who are fighting trying to overthrow its Sandinist government.

The Contadora Group, named after a Panamanian island where peace talks began last January, has a mandate from the United Nations Security Council to press its efforts to avert war.

The conference communique called on the nine ministers to meet next month in a renewed bid to reconcile rival peace proposals from Nicaragua and its Central American neighbors.

Amado declined to spell out Nicaragua's differences with the other four on the grounds that listing the disputes would be counter-productive.

In Washington, President Reagan said in an interview Saturday he was willing to take seriously

Cuban proposals to end foreign military aid in Central America.

Reagan added in the television interview he thought the offer by Cuban leader Fidel Castro may have been prompted by U.S. actions in Central America, including naval exercises.

Mr. Castro said on Thursday that Cuba would halt military aid to leftist Nicaragua if an agreement could be negotiated for all nations to stop sending military aid and advisers anywhere in the region.

The Reagan administration says the Cuban arms are transhipped from Nicaragua to rebels fighting the U.S.-backed government in El Salvador.

Asked if Mr. Castro should be taken seriously, Reagan said in the interview with the "McLaughlin Group" television public affairs panel: "I am willing to give him the benefit of the doubt in any negotiations and so forth."

Mr. Reagan added that Castro's remarks and an offer by Nicaragua's Sandinist government to negotiate on the region's problems might have been spurred by recent U.S. actions.

Asked if these included U.S. naval exercises now in progress off the Pacific coast of Central America, he replied "that and the whole appearance that we are not going to back away from what we

think must be done down there."

Mr. Reagan added: "But we will take the lead, and we've said from the very beginning, 'yes, we'd like a negotiated settlement and a peace.'"

He said the United States would take part in any talks leading to "the recognition that in El Salvador the solution must be by democratic means, not someone trying to shoot their way into power."

Mr. Reagan also called for early free elections in Nicaragua.

He said the Organisation of American States (OAS) should insist that Nicaragua keep its promise to hold elections.

### Healey warns U.S.

GLASGOW, Scotland (R) — Denis Healey, deputy leader of Britain's opposition Labour Party, said Sunday there was a danger of the United States getting as entangled in Central America as it had in Vietnam.

Mr. Healey, Labour's foreign affairs spokesman, said that an American military invasion of Nicaragua or any other country in the region "would mobilise the whole continent against the U.S. and hand it to the Soviet Union on a plate."

## Craxi expects to form Italy's new government by mid-week

ROME (R) — Prime Minister-designate Bettino Craxi expects to form Italy's 44th postwar government by the middle of the week after experts from the five potential coalition parties have worked on resolving outstanding differences.

Socialist leader Craxi held four hours of talks Saturday on financial and economic policy with leaders of the dominant Christian Democrats and the smaller Liberal, Social Democrat and Republican Parties.

Mr. Craxi told reporters the meeting was "a substantial and decisive step forward towards the formation of this government, which can be expected in the middle of the week."

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## CIA said to have held Barbie's son hostage after World War II

PARIS (R) — American intelligence agents who recruited Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie after World War II held his infant son hostage to guarantee his return from spying missions, according to Barbie's French daughter-in-law.

Francoise Crozier de Altmann also said in an interview published Sunday by the weekly Journal Du Dimanche that Barbie had expected his extradition to France after the election of Socialist President Francois Mitterrand in May 1981.

Barbie, 69, was expelled to France last February from Bolivia where he had lived since 1951 under the name of Altmann. The former Gestapo officer is awaiting trial in a Lyons prison for crimes against humanity. He was twice sentenced to death in absentia by French courts.

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Previous reports have said Barbie began working for the Americans in 1947 or 1948, providing information on other Nazis and intelligence information from the Soviet zone of occupied Germany in exchange for protection.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Plane collision kills 3 people

OLIVER, British Columbia (R) — Three people died Saturday in a mid-air collision between two vintage aircraft from a warplane enthusiasts' flying club. Eyewitnesses said the two Harvard two-seater trainers appeared to lock wings while getting into formation with 16 other planes flying to a summer fair. One crashed into an empty motel, setting it on fire, and the other plummeted into an orchard. Two pilots and one passenger died. No names have yet been released. The planes, which dated from the World War II Western War Birds, a group of about 100 warplane enthusiasts from the United States and Canada.

### Yugoslavia's forest fire brought under control

DUBROVNIK, Yugoslavia (R) — More than 2,000 firefighters struggled throughout the night to control a forest fire threatening the southern Yugoslav sea resort of Dubrovnik. Officials said the danger from blaze, which began in pine trees hills overlooking the walled medieval city, was finally averted just after dawn when the wind changed. About 30,000 foreign and 25,000 Yugoslav tourists are now in Dubrovnik, renowned for its beautiful palaces, churches, squares and fortresses. Thousands watched the fire approaching the city walls and many volunteered to help to fight it.

### British July set to be hottest in 100 years

LONDON (R) — July is scorching its way into the record books and weathermen say only a snowstorm Sunday will stop it being the hottest month in Britain this century. "Barring a snow blizzard, we should get higher average temperatures than any other month since records began 12 years ago," said a spokesman for London's Weather Centre. Some weather researchers estimate that it could be the hottest July since 1659. Temperatures in London have risen over 81 Fahrenheit (27 Centigrade) on 16 days this month.

### Priests criticise killing of youth in N. Ireland

BELFAST (R) — Roman Catholic priests criticised British security forces Saturday for killing a youth in Northern Ireland. Police said Martin Malone, 18, was shot dead early Saturday in the southern town of Armagh by a patrol of the Ulster Defence Regiment, a force of largely part-time soldiers. Five priests of the Armagh diocese said Malone, a Catholic, had been unarmed when he was shot. They asked why police took four hours to arrive at the scene of the killing and said the security forces had continually harassed Catholics. The priests said Malone was the fourth unarmed parishioner to die in the past year and a half in the diocese.

### New York City official greeter dies at 82

NEW YORK (R) — Francis Plimpton, former deputy U.S. representative to the United Nations and later New York City's official greeter, died Saturday. He was 82. An official at Huntington Hospital in Huntington, Long Island, said he had been in hospital for nearly three weeks. Mr. Plimpton founded one of New York's most successful law firms and was a past president of the city's Bar Association. He served at the United Nations under the administrations of President Kennedy and President Johnson.

### David Steel suffering from severe depression

LONDON (R) — British Liberal leader David Steel, now taking a rest from politics, has been suffering from severe depression brought on by virus infection, the Observer newspaper said Sunday. Steel, 45, announced three weeks ago that he was taking a two-month break from the party leadership.

## Poland seems cool on debt talks with Western creditors

WARSAW (R) — Poland has kept a discreet silence on the agreement in principle by Western creditors to resume talks on its huge debt, the first sign that sanctions will be eased after the lifting of martial law.

A Polish government spokesman said there would be no official response until a formal communique is released on last Friday's talks in Paris.

At the talks the U.S. dropped its opposition to joining other Western states in discussions about rescheduling the overdue debts.

Senior economic sources here hoped other economic restrictions imposed in the 19 months of martial law would also be eased.

Official newspapers carried brief reports quoting foreign news agencies as saying the agreement in principle was reached.

The government has taken the line that the West is finally realising the sanctions failed in their intention of forcing a change in Poland's internal policies and has come round to Poland's view that they were a mistake.

"The whole question is whether the West wants to see Poland strong and stable. We believe it is in the interests of the West, Poland and world peace that this country be stable," one senior government minister told Reuters.

The Polish approach has been to avoid any suggestion of linking relaxation at home, like the end to martial law and the partial amnesty declared a week ago, with Western demands.

They insist these steps were taken only in the Polish interest and were made possible with help from Communist allies.

The official PAP news agency commented: "Thanks to continuous work, ample help from true friends, namely the Socialist countries, and especially from the Soviet Union, Poland has already gone through the worst period."

PAP also suggested the government would take into account the behaviour of "alleged friends" who went back on bilateral agreements to impose the economic embargo in future economic planning.

"After the complete lifting of sanctions in the future... Poland will change its opinions on its real friends and draw up a bill for the false ones," PAP said.

## Austria's popular daily stops sex advertisements

VIENNA (R) — Austria's leading daily newspaper is to stop publishing sex advertisements from prostitutes because readers say their streets are getting a bad name and children spend too much time pursuing the advertisements.

The independent Neue Kronen Zeitung said readers will not see the famed pages of sex offers by "leather ladies," "sex bunnies" and "busty wonders" after mid-August, even though it will lose 15 million schillings (nearly \$1 million) a year.

Neue Kronen sells almost 1.5 million copies on Sundays and just under a million on weekdays. Austria's other popular daily, Kurier, has not said it will discontinue its own sex ads, which often cover two pages.

## Actress Lynn Fontanne dies of old age

GENESEE DEPOT, Wisconsin (R) — Actress Lynn Fontanne, half of American theatre's most famous performing duo, died in bed early Saturday.

The British-boro actress died of complications of old age at Ten Chimneys, the farmhouse she shared with her husband and stage partner, Alfred Lunt, a family spokesman said.

Fontanne, whose career on stage with her husband spanned more than 50 years, had been ill for about six weeks.

Fontanne's work with Lunt was considered American theatre's best acting partnership. The magic names of "Lunt and Fontanne" were enough to pack theatres wherever they toured and they were the only couple to have a Broadway theatre named after them.

Fontanne was vague about her age throughout her life. Some published accounts gave her age as 95 and her birthdate as Dec. 6, 1887, whereas others gave her birth year as 1892. The executor of her estate said Saturday her birthdate was unclear.

Lunt died in 1977 at the age of 84.

Fontanne was the oldest of four daughters of Jules Pierre Antoine Fontanne and Francis Thoroyle who lived in Woodford, a scenic corner of England's Essex county.

Fontanne met Lunt in 1919 when she was an unknown actress. They were married in New York City Hall in 1922, having borrowed two dollars for the fee.

In 1924, Lunt and Fontanne co-starred in the theatre guild for the first time, in Molnar's comedy "The Guardsman", later made into one of the only two films they made.

The couple known for their electric love scenes starred in a total of 26 Broadway productions including "Arms and the Man", "Design for Living" and "The Taming of the Shrew."

The couple acted in England for two years during World War II. In a London theatre in 1944, while they played in "Oh, Mistress Mine", a bomb hit the building next door, filling the stage with smoke and falling plaster.

Lunt held one of the stage sets up with his hand and delivered his next line to Fontanne impeccably on cue: "Are you all right, darling?" The audience went wild.

When Lunt died in 1977, Fontanne was too frail to keep vigil at his bedside.

Private funeral services will be held for Fontanne on Monday in nearby Milwaukee. She will be buried next to Lunt.

## Foreign diplomats keep slaves in London, says campaigner

LONDON (R) — Some foreign diplomats in London keep slaves and at least one lent a slave girl to men friends for sex, the former secretary of the Anti-Slavery Society said Saturday.

Colonel Patrick Montgomery made his allegations in a letter published by the Times, traditional newspaper of the British establishment.

He told Reuters later that while secretary of the London-based Anti-Slavery Society between 1963 and 1980, he also received evidence of foreign diplomats keeping slaves in Washington, New York and Geneva.

Recalling that slavery was abolished in England in 1772, Col. Montgomery wrote: "Twice in recent years I have been given first-hand information of slave-owning by persons of diplomatic status living or staying in London."

He told how in one incident a girl emerged from a diplomat's flat to show the wife of one of his friends bite marks on her arm and a brand mark on the crown of her head.

"She was on several occasions seen being dragged out screaming to be lent to the diplomat's men friends," he wrote. He later confirmed that this implied she was lent for sex.

Col. Montgomery, who gave no details of which countries' diplomats were involved, said police could not act because of diplomatic immunity.

Girls were lured to London as domestic servants expecting a life of luxury to be confined to home, unable to contact outsiders and sexually abused, he added.

"I'm only talking about what I believe to be the tip of the iceberg," he added.

He said that as secretary of the Anti-Slavery Society he had evidence of four cases of foreign diplomats owning slaves in London, two in Geneva and two in New York.

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## Malta determined to push through measures against Catholic Church

VALLETTA (R) — Malta's Socialist government says it is determined to take action which will deprive the Roman Catholic Church of as much as 70 per cent of its property within the next six months.

Protracted and bitter negotiations with the Vatican aimed at finding a negotiated settlement to church-state differences on this Mediterranean island have broken down completely and the government will impose its views unilaterally, according to Deputy Prime Minister Carmelo Mifsud Bonnici.

"The Vatican has now informed us it is against further negotiations. So it is a question of weeks before we rule that the whole law should be enforced. We will then enforce it fully within not more than six months," Mr. Bonnici told Reuters.

Last month it passed a law on the devolution of church property, which church and state officials agree could lead to the confiscation of some 70 per cent of church property.

Church leaders have denounced the law as an intrusion and a violation of human rights. The Vatican has indicated it will fight the decision and both sides acknowledge that church-state relations, already strained, will deteriorate even further.

Mr. Bonnici said the law was passed after it became clear the Vatican was unwilling to accept that education in the 63 church-run schools on the island should be free and that the church should give up property for which it had no documentary title.

Intermittent negotiations on these and other questions have been going on between the government and the Holy See for several years.

Church leaders reject the government's contention that one third of property belongs to the church. They say its possessions are extensive, but no accurate estimate can be given for the moment.

The law, passed on June 27, says property acquired by prescription — land for which no documentary title exists — should pass into the state's hands and be used to provide free education, unless it is used for religious services.

It also says property given to the church, but not used for the

purpose for which it was originally donated, will be taken over by the government.

In the only section the government has so far said it will enforce, property bequeathed to pay for masses for the dead will be taken over by the state after 111 years unless the donor or his heirs seek to reclaim it.

Father Alfred Agius, leader of 2,500 members of religious orders on the island, told Reuters the section on property acquired by prescription alone affected the bulk of church property.

"The church cannot possibly acquiesce in this kind of thing. Most of our property was acquired when there was not even a public registry, and some was given by Christian knights as far back as the 13th century," he said.

Fr. Agius said he had been summoned to the Vatican four times in the past month, where it had been made clear by senior officials and by Pope John Paul himself that the Holy See would fully back church resistance to the government measures.

"The Holy See feels it has been deceived in the past. Now the game is up for Minto," he said.

## China's Hong Kong plan excludes banning capitalism

PEKING (R) — Plans to eventually include Hong Kong in a huge economic zone to extend over much of South China are not aimed at banning the capitalist system in the territory, according to a senior Chinese official.

The China News Service quoted Mai Yang, chairman of the Canton City Planning Commission, as saying the aim of the zone "is to strengthen economic links and cooperation between Guangdong (province) and Hong Kong and Macao rather than bring Hong Kong and Macao into the economic system of Guangdong."

Mai said the zone was "just his own suggestion," and he was concerned his earlier remarks may have been misunderstood.

He said earlier this month the zone would "in the long term" include Hong Kong and the Portuguese colony of Macao and would serve as a "domestic and international economic centre."

Two rounds of detailed talks on the future of Hong Kong took place in Peking this month and officials are to meet again next Tuesday and Wednesday for further negotiations.

Mai's latest remarks were clearly aimed at allaying fears of many Hong Kong residents that their living standards would drop when Peking regained sovereignty in 1997 following the expiry of the British lease over most of the territory.

China has frequently stated that it intended to allow the social and economic system of Hong Kong to remain intact after 1997, but many residents and businessmen question whether these statements are compatible with Communist ideology.

Mai said in his earlier speech the first stage of the zone would cover only the Pearl River delta near Canton, the next phase would include the whole Pearl River valley covering parts of eight provinces, and the third stage would embrace Hong Kong and Macao.

The proposed zone would mirror a similar entity being set up in the Yangtze River delta around Shanghai which is to become a major base for exports and production of sophisticated equipment.

## Kenyans prefer to forget last year's attempted coup

NAIROBI (R) — The most traumatic event in the history of independent Kenya took place a year ago Monday — and most Kenyans would like to forget it ever took place.

The wish to erase the memory of the attempted air force coup of last Aug. 1 is so strong that no ceremonies are planned to honour the army troops who crushed the revolt and saved Kenya's civilian government.

"We knew that such things were prevalent all over Africa but that it should have happened here just fills us with shame," explained a young Nairobi office worker.

For to him, like to many Kenyans when speaking with obvious distaste of those wild hours when machine-gun fire raked the streets of Nairobi, the main casualty was the confidence of Kenyans in themselves and their country.

Even among those dissatisfied with Kenya's free-wheeling capitalist system and strong foreign influences, the coup was an abomination which in just one morning brought one of Africa's great success stories close to the horrors associated with the names of Idi Amin, Mobutu Sese Seko and Jean-Bedel Bokassa.

The official death toll for the Aug. 1 events stands at 129, but persistent reports at the time said the number of dead was several times that figure.

Visiting an annex of the main city morgue 48 hours later, one correspondent saw piles of bloodied bodies, arms and legs jutting out grotesquely in all directions.

The dead seemed evenly divided between air force rebels and civilians shot while taking part in a wild outbreak of looting by Shantytown dwellers. Nairobi shop owners lost about a billion shillings (\$100 million) worth of goods.

About 3,000 people were arrested, mainly armed rebels, and a night curfew was slapped for more than a month on Nairobi and on Nanyuki to the north, a major air force base which was the only other place in Kenya where the coup had any backing.

About 1,000 people, most from the low-ranking air force men who attempted the coup, were subsequently sentenced to jail terms but several hundred have since been released.

Ten coup plotters, mostly air force enlisted men without marked ideology, were sentenced to death but have not been executed. Several others fled to neighbouring Tanzania where they were granted asylum.

A handful of student leaders received jail terms for trying to lead their comrades in support of the revolt, and the university was closed. It has since resumed its activities without incident.

Nairobi has suffered from periodic jitters as rumours another coup attempt have spread through the city as late as last March.

But foreign diplomats, who admit they were taken by surprise last August, say the likelihood of another attempted coup is extremely remote. They credit President Daniel arap Moi's extreme leniency by Third World standards — no firing squads or lengthy witch hunts — with the return to normalcy.

The diplomats say the Kenyan leader's confidence in a return to stability was best demonstrated when he recently set September as the date for parliamentary elections, even though this will inevitably cause a rise in political tensions.

## GOREN BRIDGE

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### WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

- Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠KJ975 ♠AQ5 ♦K87 ♣Q10  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass  
What action do you take?
- Q.2—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠K95 ♠AQ872 ♦AQ32 ♣5  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
What do you bid now?
- Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠94 ♥J9863 ♦Q1095 ♣93  
Partner opens the bidding with one no trump. What action do you take?
- Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠109652 ♥5 ♦QJ72 ♣872  
Partner opens the bidding with one club. What do you respond?
- Q.5—North-South vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠AQJ872 ♥K95 ♦5 ♣A62  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ 3 ♠ 4 NT Pass  
5 ♥ Pass 6 ♠ Pass  
What do you bid now?
- Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠Q652 ♥J95 ♦Q872 ♣93  
Partner opens the bidding with two aces. What do you bid now?